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Annual Report 1973



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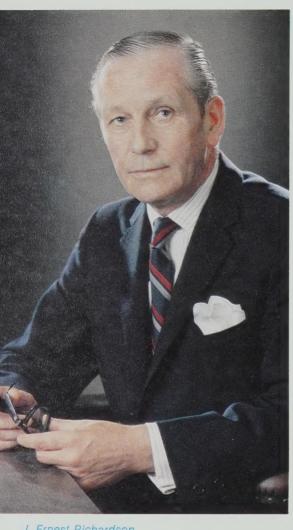


The Report at a Glance

	1973	1972
Financial		
Operating revenues	\$258,927,000	\$227,765,000
Operating expenses	\$207,197,000	\$180,305,000
Earnings before interest and other deductions	\$ 54,421,000	\$ 49,616,000
Average invested capital	\$704,182,000	\$634,417,000
Return on average invested capital	7.73%	7.82%
Ordinary share earnings	\$ 18,768,000	\$ 19,762,000
Earnings per average ordinary share	\$ 5.80	\$ 6.11
Dividends declared per ordinary share	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
Equity per ordinary share	\$ 62.36	\$ 59.76
Gross plant additions	\$165,273,000	\$132,405,000
Other		
Telephones in service	1,281,655	1,180,338
Telephone gain for the year	101,317	80,547
Average ordinary shares outstanding	3,236,645	3,236,625
Number of employees	13,128	10,816



Report of Directors



J. Ernest Richardson

A buoyant economy that produced demands for service in excess of our original forecasts also produced additional revenues that offset to some extent the impact of escalating costs during 1973. However, inflationary pressures beyond the control of our Company resulted in earnings of \$5.80 per average ordinary share compared with earnings of \$6.11 in 1972 and \$5.33 in 1971.

Rising costs of operation, together with higher interest rates during 1973, affected not only our Company but the telecommunications industry throughout North America. These factors, coupled in our own case with unsettled labor conditions during most of the year, placed a considerable strain on our resources.

A rate of return on average invested capital of 7.73%, compared with 7.82% in 1972, was not unexpected under the present tariffs that govern our operations. A responsible revision of those tariffs would enable us to achieve a fair and reasonable return on investment. This is a necessity if we are to continue to meet our obligations to our employees, customers and investors.

INFLATIONARY FACTORS

Our single most important concern in 1973 was that of providing good service in the face of the rising costs - costs of operation, of taxes and of money — and their effect on the provision of service and on earnings.

Nearly 70% of our controllable costs of operation are related to payroll.

Therefore, significant cost increases are resulting from the signing of new collective agreements which will add in excess of 20% to these costs by the end of 1974 for both this Company and our Okanagan subsidiary. Nevertheless, these settlements are comparable to wage settlements in other sectors of the economy.

New federal and provincial tax policies had the expected effect of significantly adding to our costs. These tax policies included expiration of the 7% tax reduction introduced by the Federal Government in 1972, a reduction in the basic rate from 50% to 49% and an increase in the provincial portion of the corporate income tax rate. These increased the Company tax expense by \$2,092,000. The new capital utilized tax of 1/10th of 1% introduced by the Province, cost the Company \$638,000.

These combined to increase our overall taxes and represent a net reduction in earnings of 74 cents per share compared to what they would have been had 1972 levels of taxation been in effect.

An inflationary economy fueled by high spending in all sectors resulted in higher prices and increased wage demands. This brought about significant increases in construction costs and in the costs of operations. Interest rates on bank and short-term commercial loans reached all-time highs and effective relief is not yet in sight.

Our single securities offering during 1973 was the sale of \$40 million in Series V First Mortgage Bonds at 9% interest. The balance of our requirements was obtained from short-term loans of \$39,000,000, \$4,000,000 cash available from 1972 and internal sources including retained earnings of \$8,411,000.

EFFECTS ON SERVICE

The effects of inflation and continuing growth in demand for new and improved communications facilities made the task of providing good service to our customers one of the year's greatest challenges.

Added to these influences were the effects of disputes with the Federation of Telephone Workers of British Columbia over contract issues. During the course of collective bargaining with the Company, the Federation imposed a ban on overtime work which severely curtailed our service efforts. In negotiations with the Okanagan Telephone Company similar issues were resolved after a 19 week strike. Serious service disruptions were avoided only through the commendable efforts of supervisory personnel.

Meantime, our Company continued to take steps to increase the work force and implement advanced training methods in order to meet customer requirements. The total number of employees, both regular and part-time, in telephone operations at year-end was 12,214, a net growth of 1,398 during the year. This represented the

largest annual employment increase in our history. The new collective agreement provides for the use of additional part-time plant employees to help us cope with periods of peak activity, and these are included in the above increase.

The continuing need for space to house additional equipment, particularly in the headquarters building, has resulted in the relocation of several hundred more people. In this connection, preparations have now been completed for an eight storey addition to the headquarters building to satisfy equipment space needs and proposals are being given careful consideration to meet the urgent need for office space that will bring together the personnel now dispersed through 12 separate locations throughout Vancouver.

Customer demand, present and anticipated, resulted in the investment of \$165.3 million in 1973 for essential improvements to existing communications facilities and to provide new equipment and procedures in both the residential and business sectors. Increasing emphasis was given to the use of electronics, digital techniques and computerization to meet these requirements while increasing operating efficiency. Details of our efforts may be found in the Operations Report.

ACQUISITION

For many years most central office installations and some repair work has been performed for the Company by Canadian Telephones and Supplies Ltd. (CT&S), a wholly owned subsidiary of Anglo-Canadian Telephone

Company. CT&S employs some 914 persons. Following a Public Hearing, approval was granted by the Telecommunication Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission for the acquisition of CT&S. The purchase was effective from June 1, 1973 and CT&S is being operated as a subsidiary so that it can continue to perform installation functions for other telephone operations elsewhere in Canada.

LOOKING AHEAD

The potential effect on our Company resulting from the uncertainty which exists in economic matters in Canada is cause for considerable concern. Inflationary trends, aggravated by the international energy crisis, undoubtedly will have some adverse effect on economic activity, although there is wide disagreement amongst knowledgeable people as to the degree. Our Company may see some relative slowing in the demand for new communications services, although we anticipate an increase in long distance revenues.

In addition to the general economic factors influencing our Company's operations, there are a number of considerations which relate specifically

SHARFHOLDER STATISTICS

December 31, 1973

Total

LOCATION OF SHAREHOLDERS

	D.O.	Other Canada	0.0.A.	Other	Total
Ordinary shares	2,892	2,483	179	81	5,635
Preference and preferred shares	10,550	6,982	244	63	17,839
	13,442	9,465	423	144	23,474
SHARES HELD					
Ordinary shares	368,632	2,808,145	23,083	36,814	3,236,674
Preference and preferred shares	851,093	1,675,088	4,496	4,323	2,535,000

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SIZE OF HOLDINGS - NUMBER OF HOLDERS

	100 and Under	101-5000	Over 5000	Total
Ordinary shares	3,842	1,743	50	5,635
Preference and preferred shares	14,220	3,588	31	17,839

to the telecommunications industry. Chief among these is the continuing difficulty in maintaining a proper relationship between costs, pricing of services, earnings and service capabilities. Our own Company is able to generate internally the funds needed for only about half of our total construction expenditures. which will amount to a record \$192 million in 1974. The remainder must come from investors, through either share and/or debt issues. In either case, investment capital can only be attracted by adequate earnings which, in turn, are dependent upon our receiving adequate rates for our services.

OUR PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

The telephone and the family of communication devices that have grown up around it are often taken for granted. It is something that is there and expected to be there when it is wanted or needed. However, the telephone industry did not grow by

accident. It is the result of much careful planning and hard work by many dedicated people and of the confidence of many individual investors. But like the telephone itself the industry has been taken for granted.

In our case, the dimension of the Company's impact on the economy of British Columbia is not generally recognized.

If our capital expenditure for 1973 had been applied in the area of housing, for example, it could have produced some 4,000 single family homes in the \$40,000 range — enough accommodation for the population of the city of Nanaimo.

An equivalent expenditure in the primary resource industries would have completely built two large pulp mills

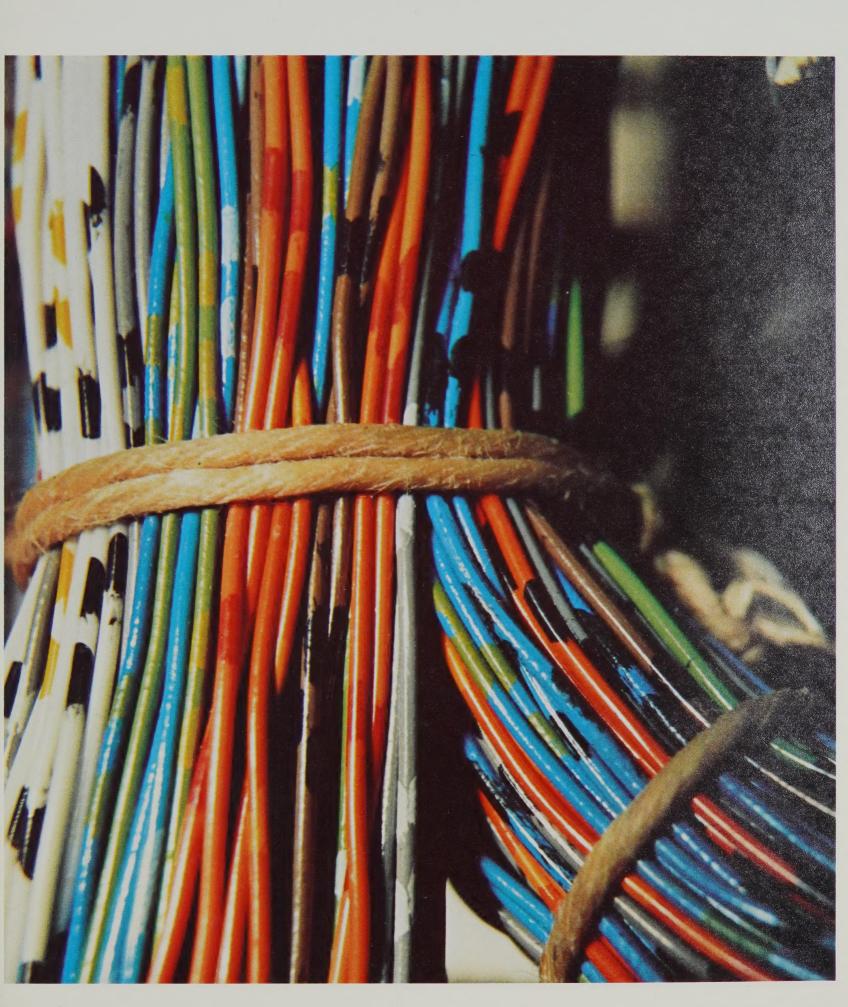
in a single year or developed and brought into production several large mines.

Wages totalling \$123,779,000 were paid in 1973 to the employees of the Company. The income taxes amounting to \$23,400,000 which were withheld from employees' wages and paid to the government benefited all Canadians. The effect of these wages throughout the community is to create many thousand more jobs in the province. And the employees of the Company - one out of every eighty workers in B.C. works for the telephone company - contribute more than money. They are good citizens whose efforts enrich community life all through the province.

Reference was made in last year's report to our regret over statements that had been made by the then newly elected provincial government with regard to a possible takeover of your Company. Our shareholders may continue to be assured that we will oppose any such action and that we will take whatever steps are necessary to protect your interests.

The Company wishes to provide a firstclass service to as many citizens of British Columbia as is possible within the practical limitations of its financial and regulatory constraints. To do this it must be allowed to live in a regulatory and political climate that will enable it to plan wisely for the future and to attract the large amounts of new capital that will be required to meet the growth requirements of this province.

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Operations Report

As in the previous year, 1973 provided enormous growth in demand for more and improved telephone service in both the residential and business sectors. To meet this demand, the Company spent \$165.3 million to expand and improve existing facilities. These capital expenditures represented an increase of 25% over 1972. 1974 expenditures are forecast at \$192 million, which is a further increase of 16% over 1973.

Completed toll calls originated within our system in 1973 totalled over 62,000,000, a substantial increase over 1972. Toll services produced revenues of \$132.7 million, or 51.2% of total operating revenues. This compares with 50.4% in the previous year.

TELEPHONES IN SERVICE

The increase in the number of telephones in service and the details of capital spending in the various operating territories and Okanagan Telephone Company are summarized in the following table. During the year nearly 459,000 telephones were connected and 358,000 disconnected, for a net gain of 101,317, which represents an increase of 8.6% over the number in service at December 31, 1972.

Technological Advances

The Company continues to make major expenditures to construct additional electronic switching facilities capable of processing large volumes of telephone calls at high speed, while providing great flexibility in adjusting to changing communications needs and making possible a variety of new customer services.

During 1973 installation began on the first units of a new generation of Electronic Automatic Exchanges designated as No. 1 EAX, an electronic switching system designed for larger telephone exchanges. This sophisticated computer-controlled equipment, which will cost \$4.5 million, will be in operation in a Victoria exchange during 1974. Also being prepared for service in 1975 are additional installations of this equipment in four other exchanges on the Lower Mainland at a cost of \$17.5 million.

An electronic switching system for smaller exchanges, designated C-1 EAX, was placed in service at Dragon Lake in the Northern Division during the year. This system, costing approximately \$1 million, raises to eight the number of such installations within the system.

Initial installations were made on a

Capital Telephones in Service Expenditures % 1973 December 31 Increase 1973 1973 Increase (000's)\$ 93,266 Coastal Area 758.231 54.948 7.9 27,953 Island Division 233,431 18.611 8.7 22,481 Interior Division 125,004 12.820 11.1 15,618 Northern Division 92,297 9,021 10.8 Totals 1,208,963 95,400 8.6 159,318 Okanagan 5,955 72,692 5,917 8.9 Totals 1,281,655 101,317 8.6 \$165,273

Traffic Service Position System at our headquarters building in Vancouver for handling Direct Distance Dialing calls requiring operator assistance. This \$10 million project, the most expensive single undertaking in our history, employs electronics and computers to obtain a new standard of efficiency in processing long distance calls.

We have employed, throughout our system, a simplified form of digital transmission in a carrier system using the "pulse code modulation" technique which converts voice signals into coded pulses for highquality transmission. This method gives us the capability of moving greater amounts of information at faster speeds with more flexibility and economy than with conventional systems. Pulse Code Modulated carrier systems have been in use in the Lower Mainland since 1970. Expansion of that system in 1973 accounted for the expenditure of \$4.7 million, and more than \$21 million will have been spent by the time current PCM projects are completed in 1975.

In late 1973 the Company began production of the white pages of its telephone directories using a computer and photocomposition system instead of conventional methods of typesetting. The system, called DIREC/TION — short for directory automation — will save the Company over \$5 million in directory production costs over the next 10 years. If the manual system had remained in effect, the time between the closing of listings and publication of the directory would have grown increasingly longer.

Another communication path, the "Wave Guide". Whether it be voice, television, computer, teletype or facsimile, all forms of communication are carried through these wave guides on their way to the microwave towers.



This continued growth and expansion within the Company has placed a considerable strain on available space necessary to house new equipment and additional personnel required. New buildings or building additions have been completed or are in progress in a number of communities within the Province.

Customer Services

Closely tied to technological development are the new procedures and organization changes introduced during the year to improve customer service. An example is the reorganization of the Coastal Division, which has been renamed the Coastal Area and has been split into an East and a West Division to take into account the rapid growth and increasing complexity of our operations in the Lower Mainland. Aside from streamlining procedures to ensure customer requests are met more quickly, the reorganization was an attempt to improve day-to-day communication with the customer by making our personnel more immediately responsible to that customer.

In the last year the Company also completed plans for the introduction of Phone Mart to our system. This concept will allow the customer to visit a telephone store in his neighborhood and choose the type of instrument he requires. The telephone is plugged into a previously installed wall socket and service is available within a matter of hours. If successful, the concept will be extended to other areas.

When centralized directory assistance was implemented in British Columbia this year, Vancouver operators began handling directory information for the entire province. Initially the service is being provided for out-of-province customers and toll operators who are able to obtain directory listings for all of British Columbia with the exception of Prince Rupert and Fort Nelson. Direct handling of directory information will speed service by saving customers and operators the additional time spent in routing a call to the distant location.

The task of processing customers' orders for telephone service speedily and efficiently has long been a major concern of the Company. Sophisticated processing through the use of television-type screens and cathode ray tubes was introduced in the customer service centre serving downtown Vancouver. This

evolutionary step in data communications enables the centre to process some 700 service orders each day compared with the previous average daily maximum of 350. This project marked the first application of these display units on a volume basis in our customer service operation.

Direct Distance Dialing will be available to 99.8% of our customers, with the completion of installations in the Cranbrook area in 1973 and in the Prince George and Williams Lake areas in 1974. More than \$6.5 million has been spent on these three projects.

Automatic Number Identification (ANI), a system whereby the number of the calling party on Direct Distance Dialed calls is automatically recorded, has been available for many years. However, the equipment was comparatively expensive and, in our case, it was felt that better use could be made of available funds. Recent developments have reduced the price of this equipment and a major program to introduce this system throughout the Company has been instituted. Ten exchanges have now been equipped with ANI.





Specialized Business Services

Of major and immediate importance to the business community in 1973 was the introduction of Dataroute, the nationwide digital data communications service sponsored by The Computer Communications Group of the Trans-Canada Telephone System, of which our Company is a member. This is the first nationwide digital data system in the world operating on a commercial basis. The service provides data transmission at considerably lower rates - savings range up to 90% in some circumstances — and also provides greater accuracy, flexibility and reliability. Dataroute is, without question, the most significant advance to date in the development of computer communications in Canada.

A new service that permits the transmission of words and pictures over conventional telephone lines was introduced to B.C. Tel's customers in June, 1973. Faxcom, derivative of the words "facsimile communications", was also developed

for The Computer Communications Group of the Trans-Canada Telephone System. Speed is Faxcom's biggest benefit to customers with long-distance transmission requirements. It can transmit a standard 8½ x 11-inch page of material in three minutes, about one-half the time of conventional units.

An experimental trial of the Confravision system, which allows audiovisual conferences between groups in widely separated locations, was conducted during 1973. Confravision employs closed-circuit television to allow businessmen to conduct meetings simultaneously in two or more locations in a faster and more economical manner than in conventional meetings requiring travel time and expense. The system also has the capability for use of visual aids such as charts and documents which can be transmitted between conference rooms during the meeting. While an unqualified technical success, no decision will be taken on offering Confravision as a service until the Company has evaluated the total impact of the system.

As more and more manufacturers, both domestic and foreign, are attracted to the production of subscribers' telephone equipment many new optional and specialized services are becoming available. Where this equipment is compatible and meets required standards we are making it available to our customers, many of whom have special situations resulting from today's complex business operations.

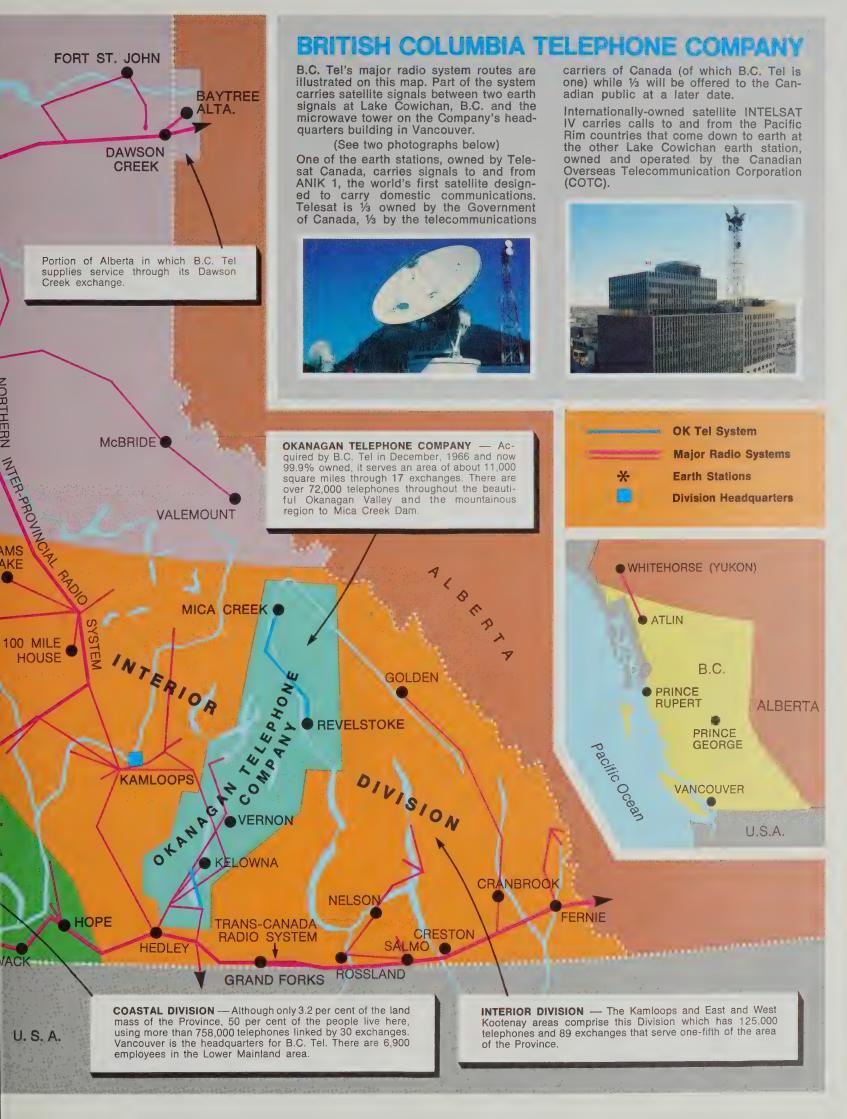
A service which will allow B.C. Tel's business customers to do "onestop communications shopping" has been introduced in service centres in Whalley and North Vancouver. The service is called the Business Account Representative (BAR) program and is a joint project of the Marketing and Customer Service Departments. The program has resulted in the addition of a team of highly-trained service representatives who exclusively handle business customer contacts. Plans call for similar additions in other offices throughout the Province. Employees involved in the BAR program will handle what are termed "demand" or informational calls from business customers. This leaves salesmen more time to determine the communications requirements of larger customers.

Special Projects

We were also active in other areas of close concern to individual segments of the community. In the field of medicine, for example, our engineers co-operated with a number of community organizations to develop and test a revolutionary new system for the transmission of medical data. The first of its kind in Canada, the system enabled an electroencephalograph reading to be transmitted 400 miles over a dedicated telephone line. The signals,







translated into computer language, were sent from Trail Regional Hospital to Vancouver General Hospital to be diagnosed by specialists. Doctors in both cities were able to confer immediately over the same telephone line.

On an entirely different note, our Company was responsible for providing the wide range of communications facilities for the thousands of spectators, athletes and news media personnel who attended the Canada Summer Games at Burnaby in August. Approximately 800 miles of circuitry was installed for everything from timing devices to microwave facilities for the transmission of television coverage.

Employee Relations

The Working Agreement between the Company and the Federation of Telephone Workers of British Columbia during 1971 and 1972 was in force until December 31, 1972. Negotiations on a new agreement commenced in the fall of 1972 but it was only after prolonged discussions and the services of a Conciliation Board appointed under the provisions of the Canada Labour Code that an agreement was reached June 11, 1973. The Agreement provided for wage adjustments of 8% for 1973 and an additional 9% on the 1972 base for 1974. The main point of contention was around the Company Pension Plan, a non-contributory plan that had been in effect for many years. The settlement contained an increase in benefits payable under the Plan of 10%, provided the employee joined a contributory plan to be operated by the Federation as a supplement to the Company plan. Management employees were also given the option of joining a contributory pension plan.

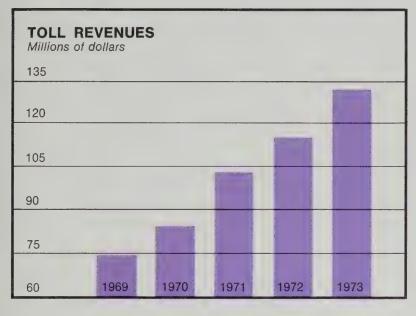
Contracts with the Federation of Telephone Workers of British Columbia on behalf of the employees of Okanagan Telephone Company ended on December 31, 1972 for traffic and clerical employees and on March 31, 1973 for plant employees. Following the agreement referred to in the above paragraph Okanagan Tel and the Federation entered into negotiations. These were not

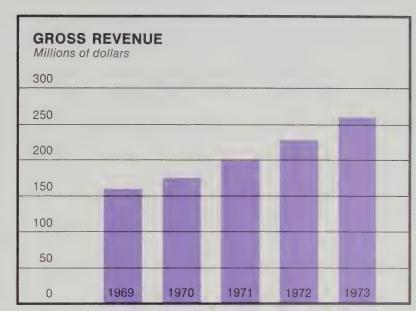
successful and a strike against Okanagan Tel commenced August 21, 1973. A Commission of Industrial Inquiry was appointed by the Honourable The Minister of Labour of British Columbia on November 27, 1973 and a return to work agreement was signed December 21, 1973, with work actually resuming on January 2, 1974.

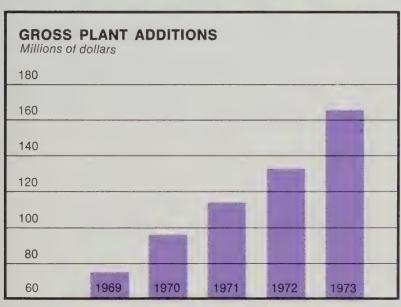
The settlement was similar to the B.C. Telephone Agreement and brought parity in wages and most benefits to employees of both companies. The previous pension plan, a contributory plan, is being maintained for past service and a new contributory plan has been introduced for future service. The new Plan will be administered by six Trustees, three from the Federation and three from the Company. Decisions regarding investments, investment advisors and investment policy rest with the Company. Should there be disagreement in other areas there is provision for arbitration by a judge.

Contracts for both companies terminate on December 31, 1974.

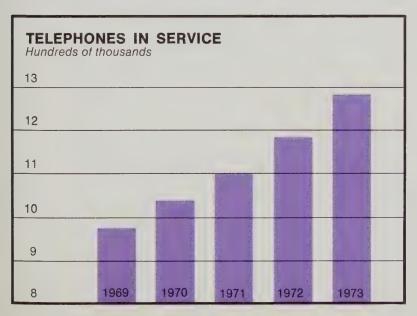
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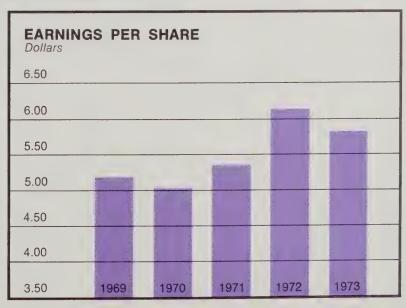












Consolidated gross revenues for the year totalled \$258,927,000, an increase of 13.7% over 1972. This rate of increase is slightly less than the 13.9% achieved in 1972.

Toll revenues increased 15.6% over 1972 and now account for 51.2% of total operating revenues. The growth rate in 1972 was 14.7%. Local service revenues increased 10.5%, as a result of the record growth in telephones in service. This compares with a gain of 13.7% in 1972, the first full year for revised rates effective from September 1, 1971. Miscellaneous revenues continued to show substantial growth particularly from directory advertising. New collection procedures together with an active economy resulted in a decrease in uncollectible revenues.

Operating expenses, excluding income taxes, amounted to \$184,102,000, an increase of 14.9% over 1972. This increase reflected not only increased cost pressures but also the additional staff required to handle the heavy traffic and commercial loads that accompanied the increased use of

long distance facilities and the demand for telephone service. Operating taxes of \$10,513,000 increased 18.8%, in part as a result of the new provincial tax on capital utilized of 1/10th of 1% which amounted to \$638,000.

New federal and provincial income tax policies had the expected effect of significantly adding to our costs. These combined to increase our overall taxes and represent a net reduction in earnings of 74 cents per share compared to what they would have been had 1972 levels of taxation been in effect.

Other income of \$2,691,000 was up from \$2,156,000 in 1972 due almost entirely to the increased allowance for funds used during construction as a result of the heavy construction program.

Earnings before deduction of interest, other fixed charges and dividends totalled \$54,421,000 compared with \$49,616,000 in 1972. This represented a return of 7.73% on average invested capital, down from the 7.82% earned the previous year. Fixed charges of \$29,855,000 were substantially higher than the \$24,756,000 in 1972 as a result of the sale of \$40,000,000 First Mortgage Bonds dated October 1, 1973 to mature October 1, 1997, bearing interest at 9% and the financing of the balance of the year's cash

requirements through short-term notes sold in the commercial paper market and through bank demand loans at rates up to 9½%. At year-end these loans totalled \$35,370,000 and an additional \$3,500,000 was on loan from Anglo-Canadian Telephone Company at bank prime rate.

Earnings available for ordinary shares amounted to \$18,768,000 or \$5.80 per average ordinary share, down from \$6.11 per share earned in 1972.

Ordinary share dividends declared during the year at the rate of \$3.20 per share totalled \$10,357,000, unchanged from 1972. The balance of income of \$8,411,000 was retained for use in the business.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings

For the years ended December 31, 1973 and 1972

	1973	1972
OPERATING REVENUES	Thousands of Dollars	
Local service	\$ 117,469	\$ 106,289
Toll service	132,659	114,742
Miscellaneous	10,771	8,928
Less — Uncollectible operating revenues	1,972	2,194
Total Operating Revenues	258,927	227,765
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Maintenance	55,037	49,173
Depreciation	49,380	43,326
Traffic	24,247	19,662
Commercial and marketing	16,892	14,671
General and administrative (Note 2)	28,033	24,502
Provincial, municipal and other taxes	10,513	8,849
Income taxes	23,095	20,122
Total Operating Expenses	207,197	180,305
OPERATING EARNINGS	51,730	47,460
Other income	2,691	2,156
Earnings Before Interest and Other Deductions	54,421	49,616
INTEREST AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS		
Interest on long-term debt	28,098	23,013
Other interest	1,326	1,356
Amortization of long-term debt expense	431	387
	29,855	24,756
NET EARNINGS	24,566	24,860
Preference and preferred dividends	5,798	5,098
ORDINARY SHARE EARNINGS	\$ 18,768	\$ 19,762
EARNINGS PER AVERAGE ORDINARY SHARE	\$ 5.80	\$ 6.11
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER ORDINARY SHARE	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 1973 and 1972

Assets

	1973	1972
	Thousand	s of Dollars
TELEPHONE PLANT, at cost	\$ 1,105,167	\$ 961,490
Less — Accumulated depreciation	246,356	219,229
	858,811	742,261
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS, at cost		
Telesat Canada	3,300	3,300
Other	702	672
	4,002	3,972
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments	510	5,330
Accounts receivable	35,479	30,128
Material and supplies, at cost	9,082	8,416
Prepayments	3,947	2,824
	49,018	46,698
DEFERRED CHARGES		
Unamortized long-term debt expense	6,714	6,463
	\$ 918,545	\$ 799,394

Approved for Board of Directors,
A. M. McGAVIN, Director
J. E. RICHARDSON, Director

Capitalization and Liabilities

	1973	1972
	Thousands	of Dollars
CAPITALIZATION (per accompanying statement)		
Ordinary share equity	\$ 201,846	\$ 193,432
Preference and preferred shares	103,500	103,500
Minority interest in subsidiary	454	455
Long-term debt	417,455	377,529
-	723,255	674,916
Short-term notes	38,870	
Total Capitalization and Short-term Notes	762,125	674,916
CURRENT LIABILITIES (excluding short-term notes)		
Accounts payable	21,759	20,923
Income taxes payable	5,802	737
Dividends payable	3,864	3,864
Accrued interest	7,420	6,332
Other accrued liabilities	8,679	5 ,915
Unearned revenues	5,513	4,855
	53,037	42,626
NCOME TAXES DEFERRED	103,383	81,852
COMMITMENTS (Notes 3 and 4)		
	\$ 918,545	\$ 799,394

British Columbia Telephone Company Consolidated Statement of Capitalization

As at December 31, 1973 and 1972

		1973	1972	
Authorized Share Capital \$250,000,000 ORDINARY SHARE EQUITY (Note 5)		Thou	sands of Dollars	
Ordinary shares, par value of \$25 each; 3,236,674 shares outstanding of which 49 were issued in 1973 Premium on ordinary shares Earnings retained for use in the business	5	\$ 80,917 53,708 67,221	\$ 80,916 53,706 58,810	
		201,846	28% 193,432	29%
CUMULATIVE PREFERENCE AND PREFERRED SHARES	Redemptio			
Par Value of \$100 Each	Premium			
6% Preference 6% Preferred 43/4% Preferred	10% 5% 5%	1,000 4,500 7,500	1,000 4,500 7,500	
4¾% Preferred (Series 1956) 4½% Preferred	4% 4%	7,500 5,000	7,500 5,000	
4%% Preferred 53/4% Preferred 5.15% Preferred	4% 4% 5%	6,000 10,000 12,000		
Par Value of \$25 Each				
4.84% Preferred 6.80% Preferred (Not redeemable before June, 1978) 7.04% Preferred (Not redeemable before July, 1982)	4% 6% 7%	20,000 10,000 20,000	20,000 10,000 20,000	
7.04 % Freierred (Not redeemable before July, 1902)	7 70	103,500		
MINORITY INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARY		454	455	
LONG-TERM DEBT British Columbia Telephone Company First Mortgage Bonds Series E 43/4 % due October 1, 1975		7,000	7,000	
Series F 5% due April 1, 1982 Series G 5¼ % due November 1, 1983 Series H 6% due September 15, 1984 Series I 5¾ % due August 1, 1985 Series J 5¾ % due July 15, 1986 Series K 55% due April 15, 1988 Series L 6¾ % due October 15, 1989 Series M 6¾ % due March 15, 1991		25,000 20,000 15,000 15,000 20,000 20,000 30,000 30,000	25,000 20,000 15,000 15,000 20,000 20,000 30,000 30,000	
Series N 91/8 % due April 1, 1990 Series O 95/8 % due November 15, 1992 Series P 91/8 % due November 15, 1992 Series Q 81/4 % due March 1, 1994 Series R 71/2 % due November 15, 1978 Series S 77/8 % due November 15, 1995 Series T 85/8 % due October 15, 1993 Series U 81/8 % due November 1, 1996 (\$20 million		30,000 18,000 12,000 35,000 10,000 25,000 40,000	30,000 18,000 12,000 35,000 10,000 25,000 40,000	
U.S. funds) Series V 9% due October 1, 1997		19,809 40,000	19,809	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CAPITALIZATION (continued)

	1973	1972	
Okanagan Telephone Company	Thous	ands of Dollars	
General Mortgage Sinking Fund Bonds due 1975 to 1986 at interest rates 5% to 6½%	\$ 5,646	\$ 5,720	
	417,455	58% 377,529	56%
Total Capitalization	723,255	100% 674,916	100%
SHORT-TERM NOTES (pending permanent financing)			
Promissory notes, 90 day duration at interest rate of 83/4	1,870		
Bank demand notes, at interest rate of 9½ % Demand note payable to parent company,	33,500	_	
at interest rate of 91/2 %	3,500	_	
	38,870	_	
Total Capitalization and Short-term Notes	\$ 762,125	\$ 674,916	

The Deed of Trust and Mortgage of British Columbia Telephone Company requires either an annual sinking fund payment of 1% of the principal amount of its bonds outstanding or the pledge of additional unmortgaged property. The Company's policy is to use the latter alternative and accordingly does not make sinking fund payments. The Deed of Trust and Mortgage of Okanagan Telephone Company requires an annual sinking fund payment of 2% of the original principal sum of each issue and this requirement, together with the debt maturities of both companies during each of the next five years is: 1974 – Nil; 1975 – \$7,454,000; 1976 – \$133,000; 1977 – \$401,000; 1978 – \$10,641,000. In addition, the holders of any Series N or P Bonds have the right to elect that the Company shall repay the principal amount of these Bonds on April 1, 1975 and November 15, 1976 respectively.

At December 31, 1973, the First Mortgage Bonds, except for Series N, P. and R, are redeemable, other than for financial advantage, at premiums ranging from 1/2% to 9%. The Okanagan Telephone Company's General Mortgage Sinking Fund Bonds are callable at premiums ranging from 1% to 43/4%.

British Columbia Telephone Company

Consolidated Statement of Earnings Retained for Use in the Business

For the years ended December 31, 1973 and 1972

	1973	1972
	Thousands	of Dollars
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR Ordinary share earnings	\$ 58,810 18,768	\$ 49,938 19,762
	77,578	69,700
Less —		
Ordinary share dividends	10,357	10,357
Share issue expense	_	533
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 67,221	\$ 58,810

British Columbia Telephone Company Consolidated Statement of Source of Funds **Used for Construction**

For the years ended December 31, 1973 and 1972

	1973	1972
	Thousand	s of Dollars
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
From Operations		
Ordinary share earnings	\$ 18,768	\$ 19,762
Add back expenses not requiring an outlay of funds		40.000
Depreciation	49,380	43,326
Income taxes deferred	19,882	15,078
Other	977	814
	89,007	78,980
Less — Ordinary share dividends	10,357	10,357
	78,650	68,623
Financing Proceeds (Net)		
Ordinary shares	3	
Preferred shares		19,467
Long-term debt	39,308	58,788
Increase (Decrease) in short-term notes	38,870	(22,630)
	78,181	55,625
Other		
Decrease in working capital	8,091	2,544
Cost of acquiring subsidiary company, net	(000)	
of working capital	(300)	
Miscellaneous	(658)	2,756
	7,133	5,300
	\$ 163,964	\$ 129,548
CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES		
Gross plant additions	\$ 165,273	\$ 132,405
Less — Salvage value of plant retired	1,309	2,857
	\$ 163,964	\$ 129,548

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

CONSOLIDATION

The Company owns 99.9% of the common shares of Okanagan Telephone Company and during 1973 acquired 100% of the common shares of Canadian Telephones and Supplies Ltd. at a cost of \$927,016, including expenses of acquisition. The consolidated financial statements incorporate these subsidiaries' accounts, including the operations of Canadian Telephones and Supplies Ltd. for the period June 1 (effective date of acquisition) to December 31, 1973.

TELEPHONE PLANT

Telephone plant is recorded at original cost and includes certain pension costs, payroll taxes and general overheads applicable to the construction activity. The Company follows the practice of deducting from income, for tax purposes, these construction-related costs. The tax effect of such timing differences is being deferred.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation rates are determined by a continuing program of engineering studies for each class of telephone plant in service, and depreciation provisions are calculated by applying such rates to the Company's investments therein each month. This procedure resulted in a composite rate of 5.22% (5.14% in 1972).

Accumulated depreciation at December 31, 1969, was overstated by \$6,368,000 resulting from a change to a more appropriate method of determining the depreciation rate applicable to the Company's investment in telephone station connections. The overstatement is being eliminated over a five-year period which commenced in 1970.

INCOME TAXES

The Company provides for income taxes which are not currently payable due to the Company claiming for income tax purposes certain amounts, including capital cost allowances in excess of depreciation recorded in the accounts, which have not yet been charged against income. Income taxes include \$19,882,000 (\$15,078,000 in 1972) of taxes not currently payable. In addition, further deferrals of \$1,025,000 for 1972

and \$624,000 for 1971 and prior years were recorded in 1973.

The Company is in the process of claiming additional timing differences for the years 1969 to 1973 inclusive which may result in the recovery of approximately \$16,500,000 in income taxes previously paid or currently payable. Disposition of this additional claim for timing differences is not yet finalized and thus is not recorded in the consolidated financial statements.

The accumulated amount of income taxes otherwise payable as a result of tax timing differences is shown on the balance sheet as Income Taxes Deferred. Prior to December 31, 1971, the Company did not recognize income taxes otherwise payable relating to pension costs which were capitalized in the accounts. The accumulated amount of such income taxes, for which no retroactive adjustment is required, is \$5,284,000.

ALLOWANCE FOR FUNDS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION

The Company capitalizes the cost of funds used to finance construction as a component of the cost of telephone plant based on size and duration of projects. The amount so capitalized is \$2,767,000 (\$1,666,000 in 1972) and is included in the caption Other income.

2. General and Administrative Expense

	1973	1972
pom 4	Thousands	of Dollars
Finance and data processing services Engineering	\$ 8,360 4,238	\$ 7,840 3,627
Executive and adminis- trative services	6,243	5,194
Stationery, rents, insurance and other	5,634	4,965
Pension and other benefits	9,741	8,363
Less – Charged to construction	6,183	5,487
	\$28,033	\$24,502

During the year ended December 31, 1973, there were 11 directors of British Columbia Telephone Company who received aggregate remuneration of \$18,000 as directors, and 11 officers who received aggregate remuneration of \$424,000 as officers. One

director was also an officer; none of the directors or officers received remuneration from subsidiary companies.

In addition, 2 directors of Okanagan Telephone Company received a total of \$1,800 as directors and 3 officers of Canadian Telephones and Supplies Ltd. received aggregate remuneration of \$31,000 during the period June 1 to December 31, 1973.

3. Pension Plans

The Company and its subsidiaries have pension plans under which employees, upon retirement, are provided a monthly pension if conditions related to age and period of service have been met. The Company funds the annual pension cost accrued and the fund exceeds any benefits vested with the employees.

The total pension provision accrued was \$7,451,000 (\$6,144,000 in 1972) which includes \$1,485,000 (\$1,291,000 in 1972) for the amortization of past service costs together with interest thereon over 25 years from January 1, 1965. Based on actuarial reports received early in 1974, the estimated unfunded liability is \$13,109,000 at December 31, 1973.

4. Construction Programs

The Company and its subsidiaries have announced construction programs for additional telephone plant and facilities in 1974 which are estimated to cost \$192,000,000 and substantial purchase commitments have been made in connection therewith. The companies intend to finance approximately 50% of their construction programs by cash from operations and the balance by short-term notes pending permanent financing.

5. Employee Share Purchase Plan

On July 26, 1973, the directors of the Company approved an offering of 99,951 ordinary shares of the Company to eligible employees of the Company and Okanagan Telephone Company under the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan. Subsequently, eligible employees have elected to make installments toward the potential purchase of 2,586 ordinary shares of the Company under the terms of the Plan. Of the previous offering, approved on June 22, 1972, 49 shares were purchased for the sum of \$2,993.

Auditors' Report

To the Shareholders of British Columbia Telephone Company

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet and related statement of capitalization of BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COM-PANY (incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada) and subsidiaries as at December 31, 1973 and 1972, and the consolidated statements of earnings, earnings retained for use in the business and source of funds used for construction for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of British Columbia Telephone Company and subsidiaries as at December 31, 1973 and 1972, and the results of their operations and the source of funds used for construction for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied during the periods.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO. Chartered Accountants

Vancouver, Canada January 31, 1974

British Columbia Telephone Company Consolidated Five-Year Record of Progress

Particulars			1973	
SELECT	TED INCOME ITEMS (Thousands of Dollars)			
1	Total operating revenues	\$	258,927	
2	Local service		117,469	
3	Toll service		132,659	
4	Total operating expenses		207,197	
5	Salaries and wages		86,348	
6	Other operations expense		37,861	
7	Depreciation		49,380	
8	Provincial, municipal and other taxes		10,513	
9	Income taxes		23,095	
	Interest and other deductions		29,855	
	Preference and preferred dividends		5,798	
	Ordinary share earnings		18,768	
13	Ordinary share dividends	\$	10,357	
SELEC	TED BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (Thousands of Dollars)			
14	Investment in telephone plant	\$1	,105,167	
	Accumulated depreciation	•	246,356	
	Total invested capital		762,125	
17	Long-term debt		417,455	
18	Preference and preferred shares		103,500	
19	Ordinary share equity	\$	201,846	
FINANC	CIAL RATIOS			
20	Earnings per average ordinary share	\$	5.80	
	Dividends declared per ordinary share	\$	3.20	
	Equity per ordinary share	\$	62.36	
	Percent return on average ordinary share equity		9.54	
	Percent return on average invested capital		7.73	
	Percent long-term debt to total capitalization		58	
OTHER	STATISTICS			
26	Telephones in service	1	1,281,655	
	Percent DDD		94.4	
	Net plant investment per telephone	\$	670	
	Gross plant additions (Thousands of Dollars)		165,273	
	Local calls — daily average		7,865,000	
	Toll calls completed — daily average		199,000	
	Total salaries and wages (Thousands of Dollars)	\$	123,779	
	Total pensions and related payroll costs (Thousands of Dollars)	\$	11,433	
	Number of employees		13,128	
	Number of shareholders		23,474	

1972	1971	1970	1969
\$ 227,765	\$ 199,892	\$ 174,870	\$ 158,044
106,289	93,444	85,448	78,363
114,742	100,045	84,906	74,969
180,305	158,818	139,886	125,576
73,819	64,520	54,167	44,546
34,189	31,288	27,413	24,084
43,326	38,454	34,338	32,719
8,849	7,684	6,996	6,298
20,122	16,872	16,972	17,929
24,756	22,288	17,687	14,740
5,098	4,391	4,391	4,391
19,762	15,818	14,419	14,464
\$ 10,357	\$ 9,494	\$ 8,775	\$ 8,416
\$ 961,490	\$ 854,646	\$ 760,338	\$ 682,394
219,229	197,190	174,571	155,765
674,916	609,100	549,597	495,615
377,529	317,954	284,030	224,538
103,500	83,500	83,500	83,500
\$ 193,432	\$ 184,560	\$ 158,203	\$ 152,559
\$ 6.11	\$ 5.33	\$ 5.01	\$ 5.16
\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.00
\$ 59.76	\$ 57.02	\$ 54.99	\$ 53.02
10.48	9.57	9.30	9.95
7.82	7.36	6.99	7.02
56	54	54	49
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1,180,338	1,099,791	1,037,684	89.3
92.5	91.3	91.6	
\$ 629	\$ 598	\$ 564	
\$ 132,405	\$ 113,106	\$ 95,111	T
7,364,000	7,085,000	6,281,000	6,054,000 122,000
172,000	155,000	137,000	
\$ 103,245	\$ 88,724	\$ 74,217	\$ 60,808 \$ 5,434
\$ 9,461	\$ 8,162	\$ 6,761	8,889
10,816	10,274	9,636	23,503
24,362	22,287	22,927	23,503

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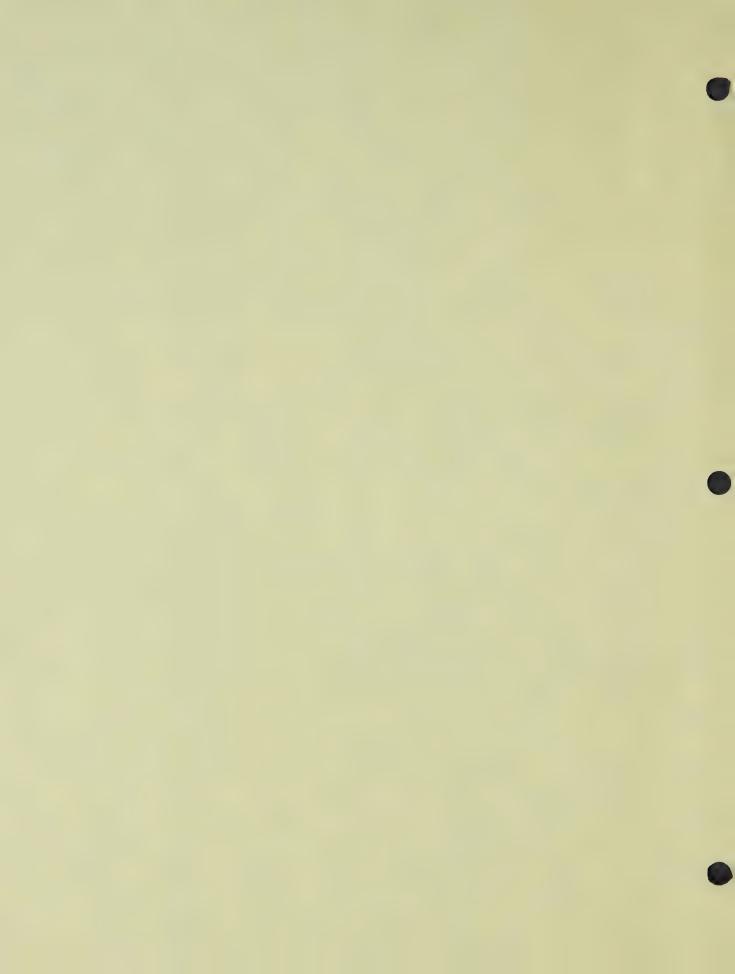
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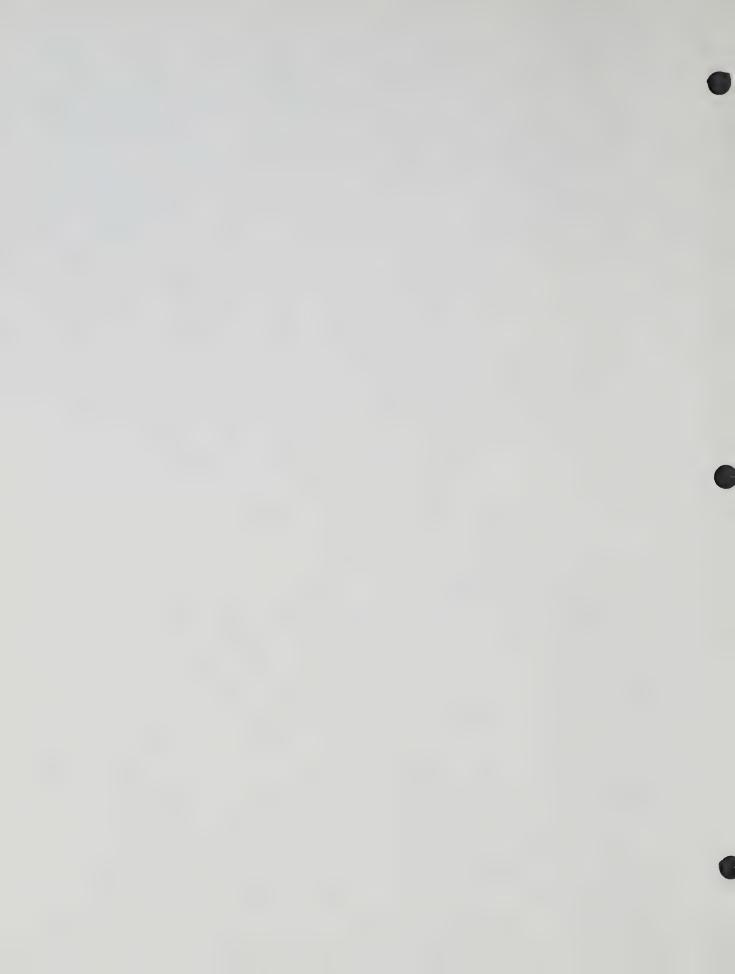
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We trust that it will be of assistance to you in your news reporting about the Company.

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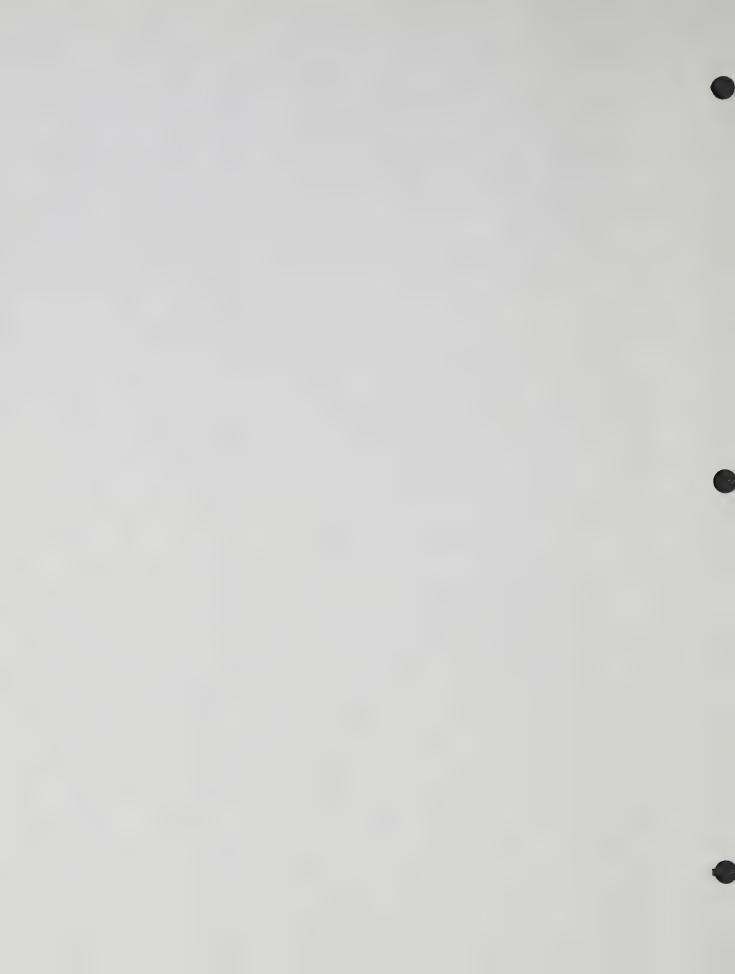


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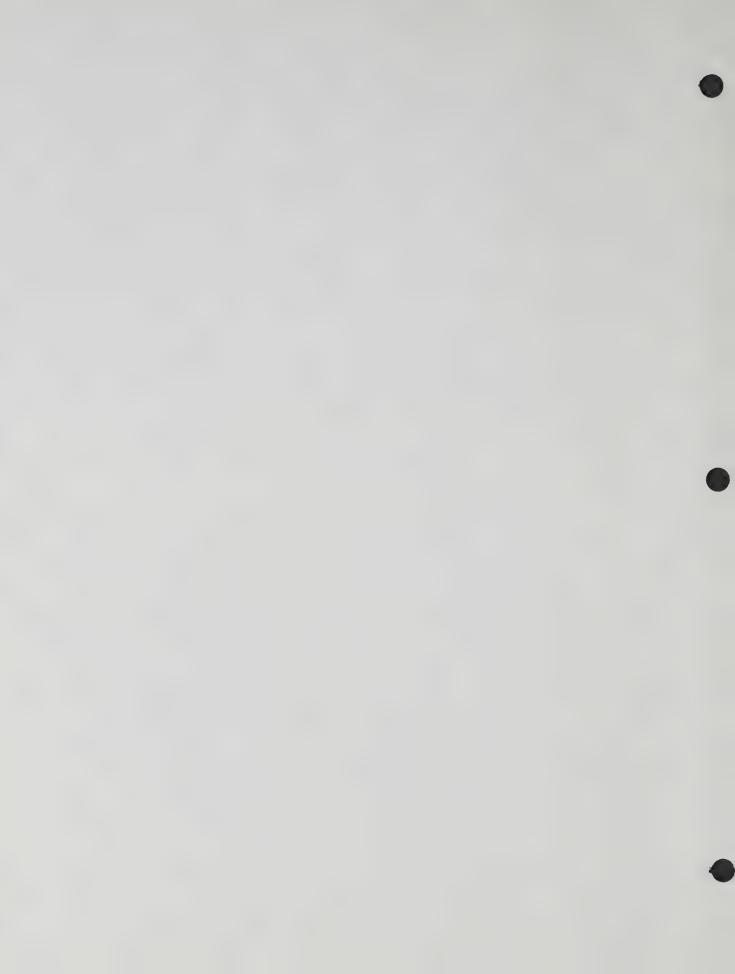
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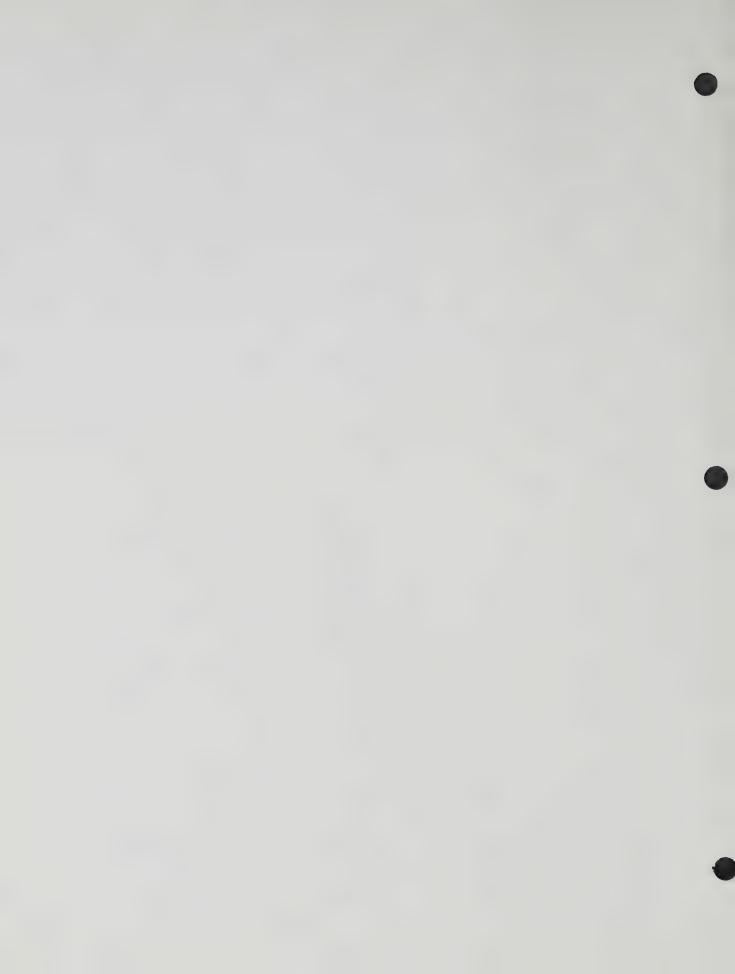
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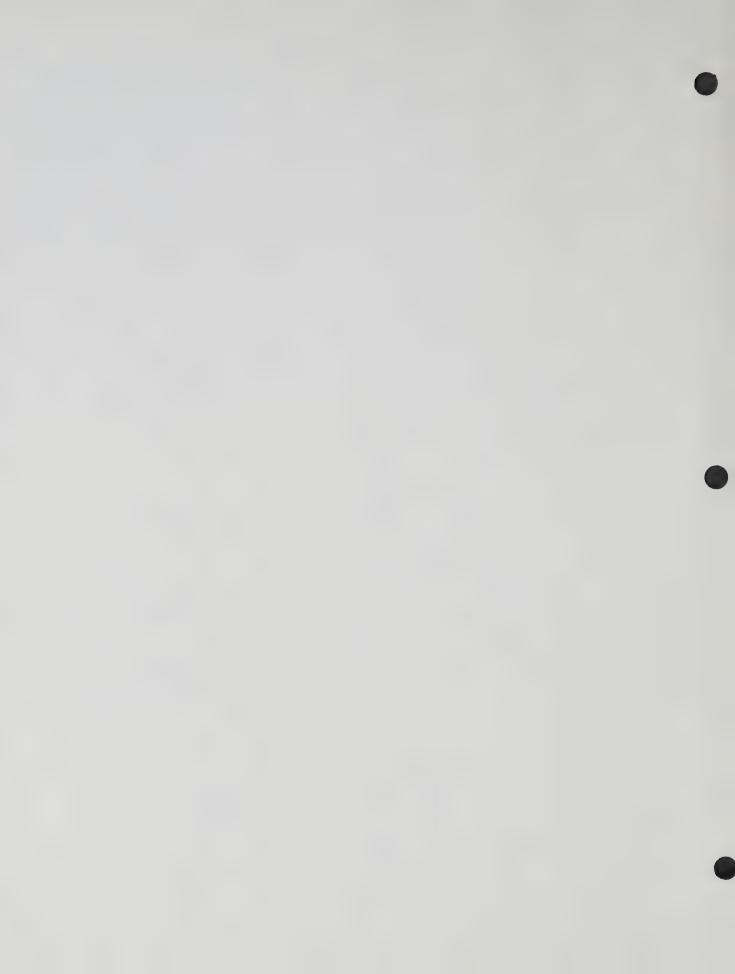
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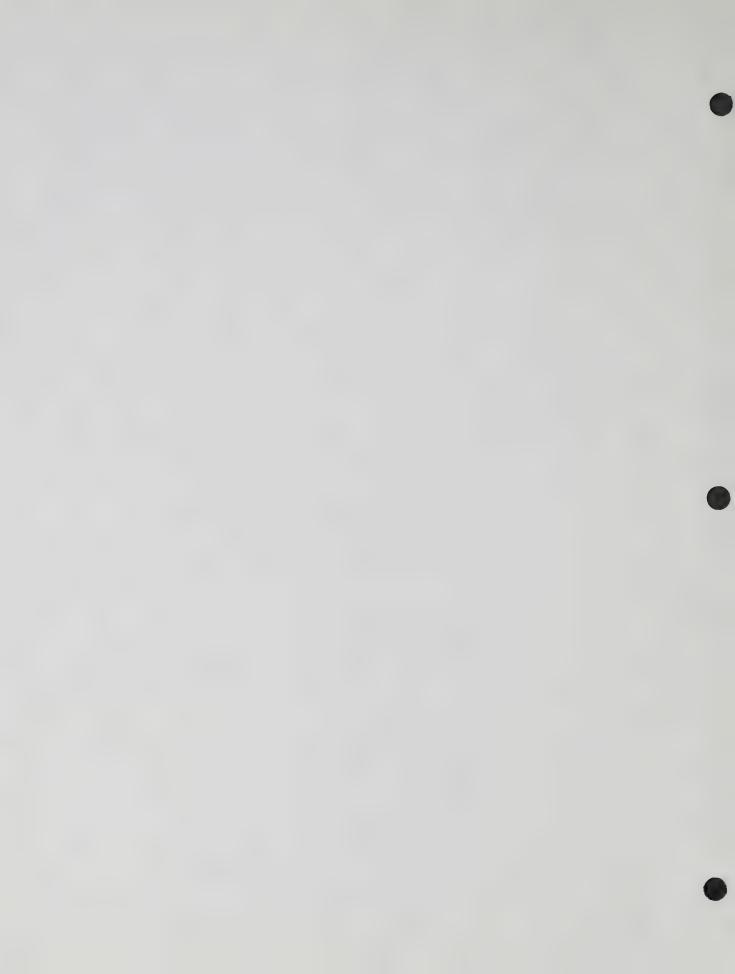
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DIRECTORS - BIOGRAPHIES



B. A. BENETEAU

Mr. Beneteau was born in Windsor, Ontario, on August 28, 1925.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Queen's University in Ontario in 1948.

He joined Quebec-Telephone as an engineer in 1948 and was appointed district engineer for St. Henri de Levis in 1950. He was manager of the Bonaventure and Gaspe Telephone Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of Quebec-Telephone, from 1953-57, and was appointed director of commercial affairs in 1957.

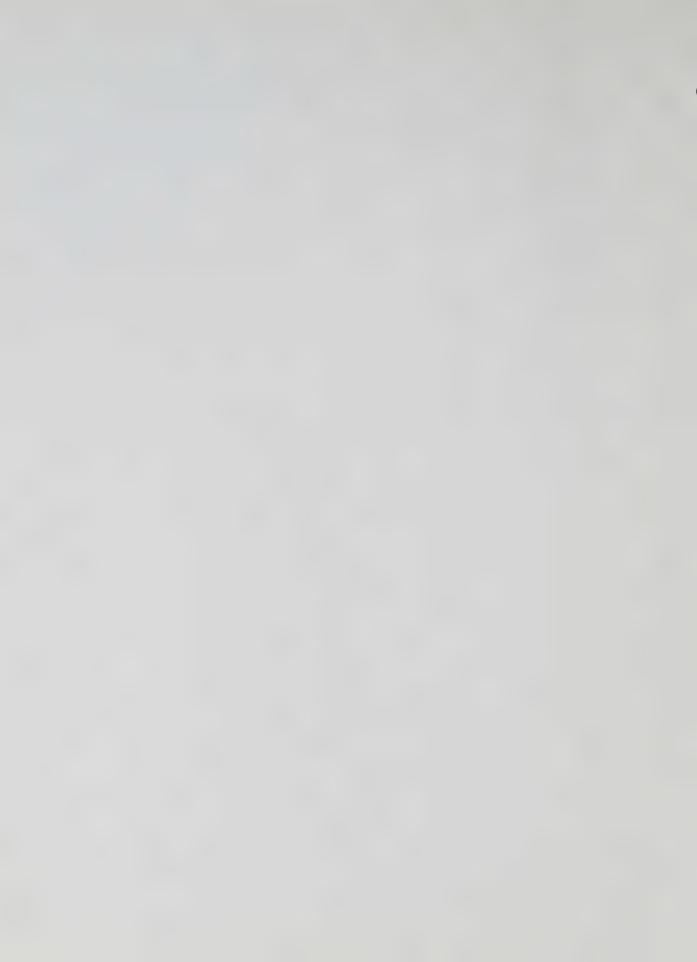
He was named vice-president (operations) for Quebec-Telephone in 1962, became an executive vice-president in 1966 and the following year was named president and chief executive officer of the company.

He is currently a member of the board of directors of the Bonaventure and Gaspe Telephone Co. Ltd., president of the Executive Committee of Quebec-Telephone, a member of the board of directors of the Anglo-Canadian Telephone Co. and Governor of l'Universite du Quebec.

He is also a member of the Canadian Telecommunications Carriers' Association, the General Council of Industry of Quebec and the Corporation of Engineers of Quebec.



He was married in 1948 to Margaret Ann Myers and the couple has four sons.

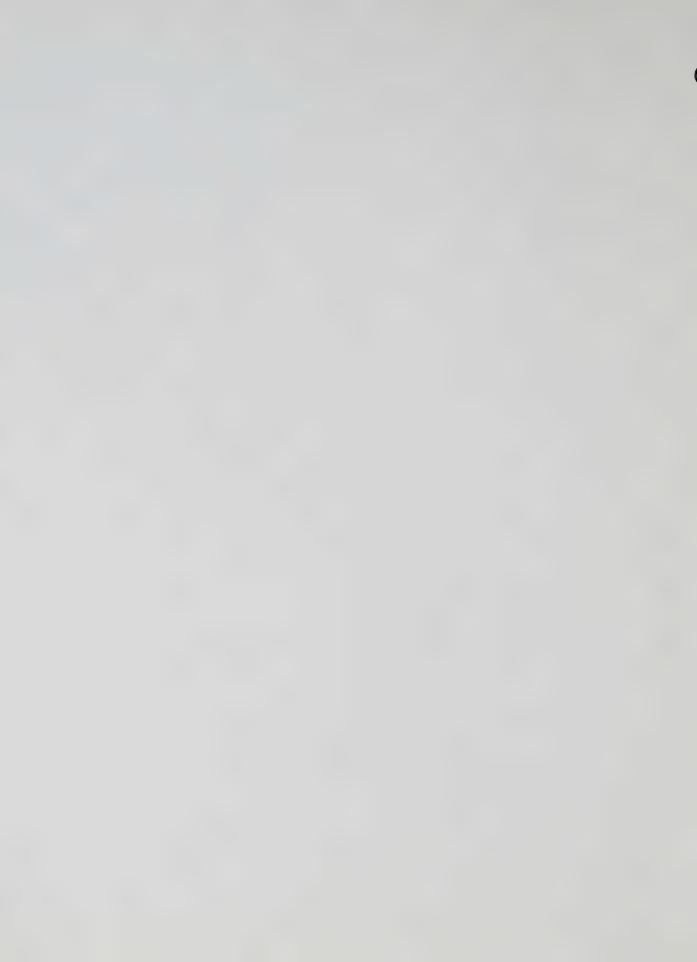


HARRY M. BOYCE

Born in Phoenix, B.C., Mr. Boyce spent 25 years on the staff of the B.C. Telephone Company and has been a director of the Company since 1943. He is a graduate of McGill University.

He became treasurer of B.C. Tel the same year he joined the Company, and was made a vice-president in 1950. In late 1962, following his retirement from the Company, he became president of the Yorkshire Corporation Ltd. In mid-1965, he became chairman of the board of the Yorkshire Financial Corporation Limited and its associated companies. He is presently Chairman of the Board of Yorkshire Trust Company.

He is a past chairman of the Vancouver Public Library Board and past president of the Vancouver Community Chest and Council, the Canadian Club of Vancouver and the Vancouver Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; member of the board of the Vancouver Foundation, the Library Development Commission of British Columbia; and director of the British American Bank Note Company Limited and other companies.



W. THOMAS BROWN

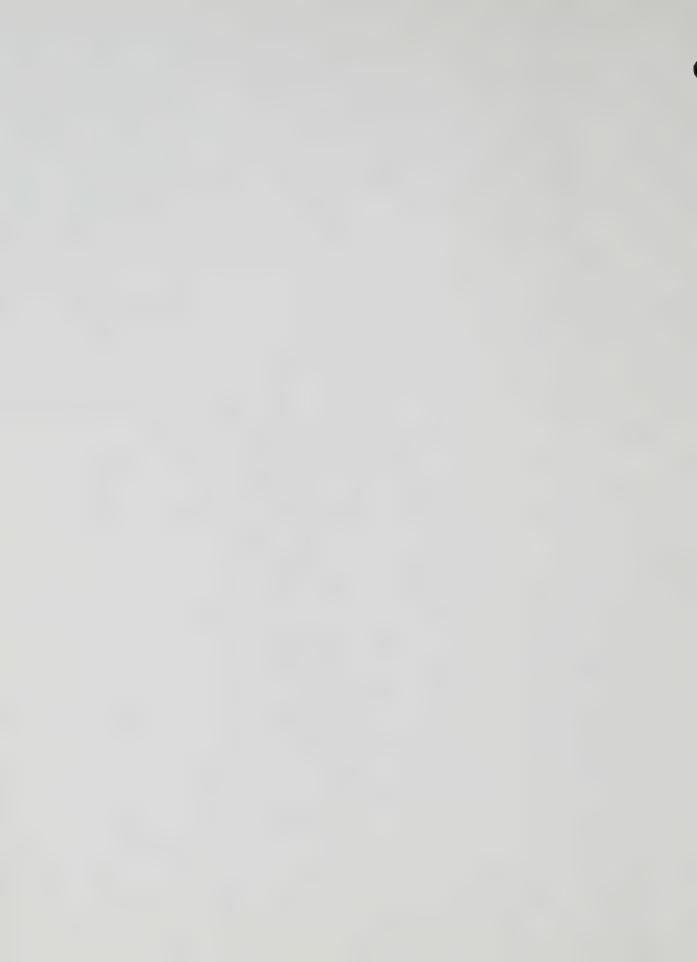
Mr. Brown was born in Vancouver, B.C. in 1912. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Economics at the University of B.C. in 1932 and his Master of Arts in Jurisprudence at Oxford.

He served in the Canadian army from 1939-45 and held the rank of Lt. Colonel on discharge. He was wounded in the Battle of Normandy in 1944.

He was a salesman with Odlum Brown and Co. from 1935-39 and after the Second World War became a director of Odlum Brown Investments Ltd. He was named president of the firm in 1958 and was elected president of Odlum Brown & T.B. Read Ltd. in 1966.

The company he heads is a member of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, the Toronto Stock Exchange, and the Vancouver Stock Exchange. Mr. Brown has served as a governor of the Vancouver exchange and was president of the IDAC in 1965-66.

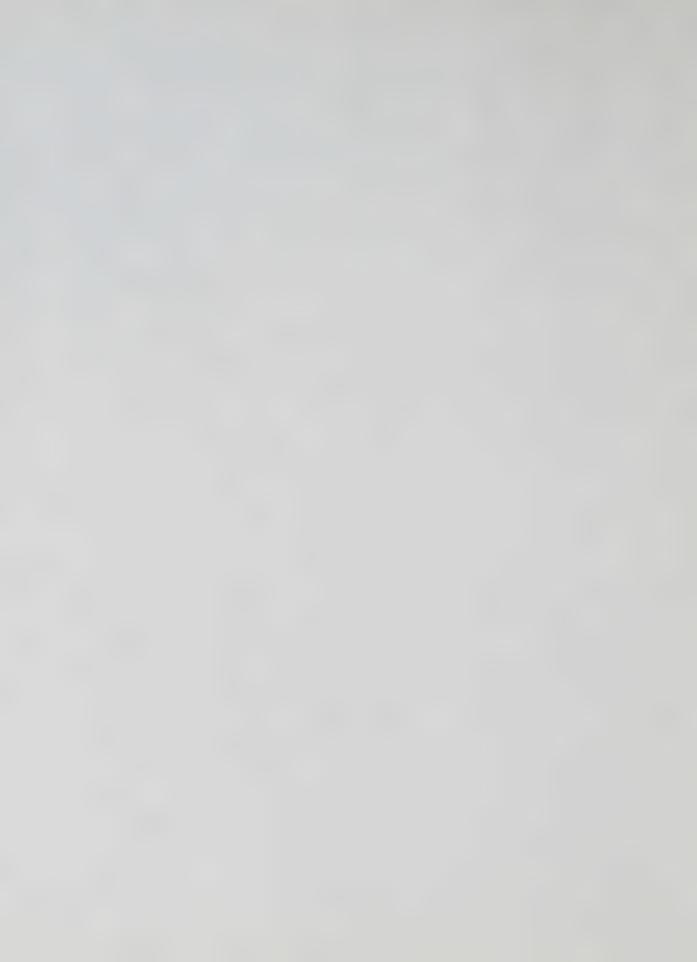
He served as a member of the Royal Commission on Banking and Finance, which reported to the federal government in 1964. Mr. Brown has served as president or chairman with several community and civic organizations including the board of the Vancouver Public



Library, the Canadian Club, the United Services Institute, the UBC Alumni Association and the Vancouver District Council of the Boy Scout Association. He was also a member of the UBC Senate and the Vancouver Police Commission.

He is currently a member of the board of the Vancouver School of Theology, the Vancouver Foundation, the Chris Spencer Foundation, the Army Benevolent Fund, the B.C. Corps of Commissionaires and the National Second Century Fund of B.C.

Mr. Brown is a director of Wardair Canada Ltd.



JAMES J. CLERKIN, Jr.

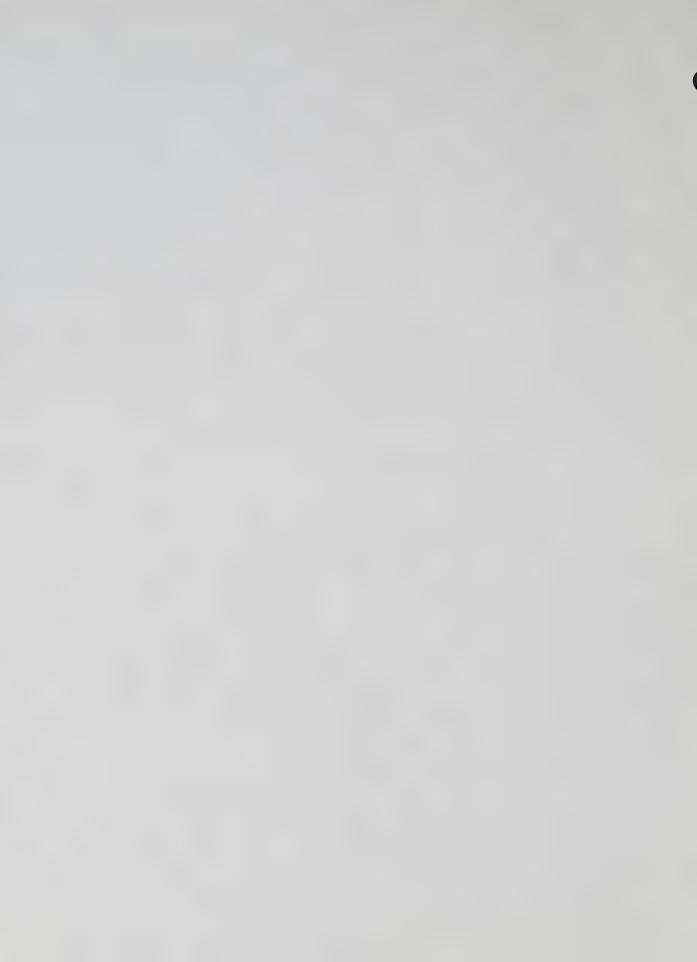
Born in New Britain, Connecticut, Mr. Clerkin graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

He is executive vice-president - telephone operating group and a director of General Telephone & Electronics Corporation. He was elected a director of B. C. Telephone Company in March, 1964.

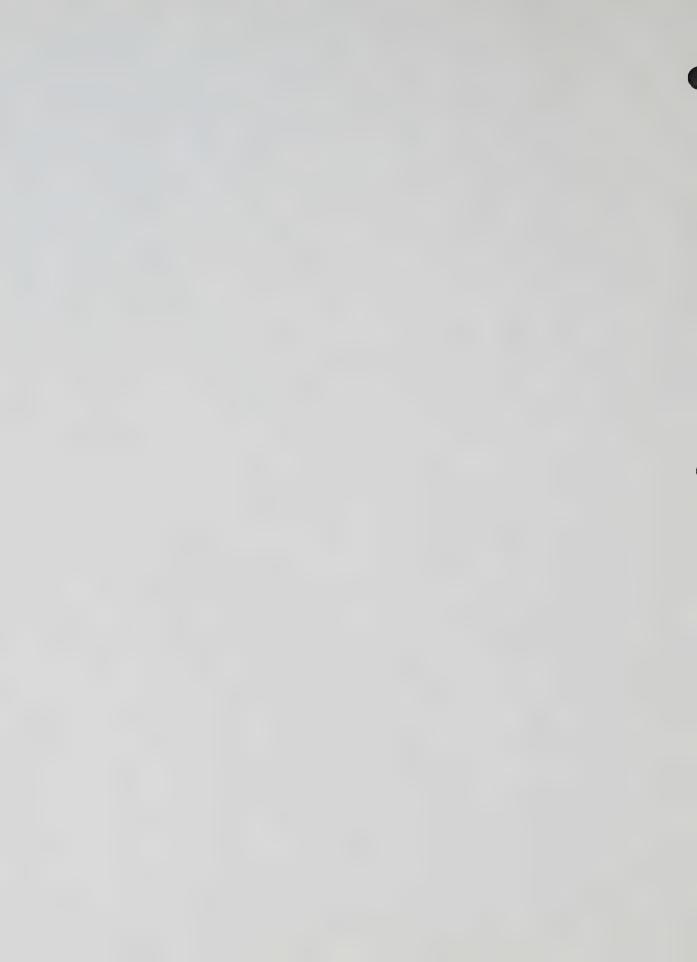
After graduation from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he served with the U.S. Navy, then graduated from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1947 with a master's degree in business administration.

From 1947 until 1956, he held various management positions in the manufacturing and telephone operations of Theodore Gary and Company which merged into General Telephone in 1955.

He joined Comptometer Corporation in 1956 as a vice president, was elected a director the following year, and was named executive vice president in 1960. He rejoined the GTE organization in June, 1961



as president of General Telephone & Electronics International Incorporated, and was named executive vice president - telephone operations of General Telephone & Electronics Corporation in January, 1964. He was elected a director of GTE in April, 1968.

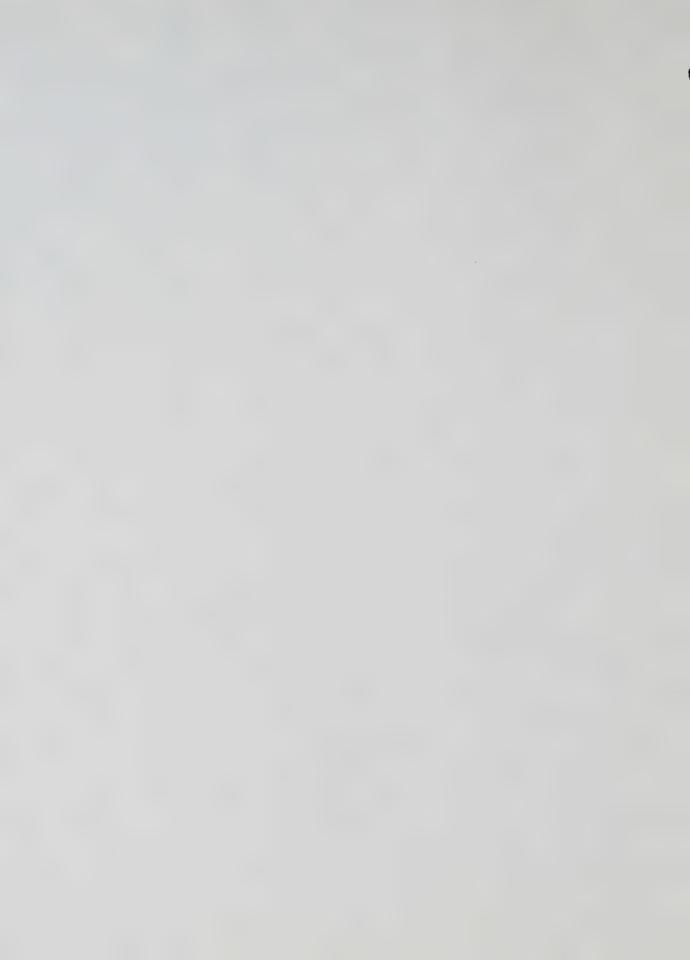


THEODORE S. GARY

Born in Kansas City, Mr. Gary attended Yale University and Northwestern University's School of Business.

He is a director of General Telephone & Electronics Corporation and became a director of the B.C. Telephone Company on December 11, 1946. He also is a director of several other GTE subsidiaries.

He is engaged in various business activities, including investments and land development.



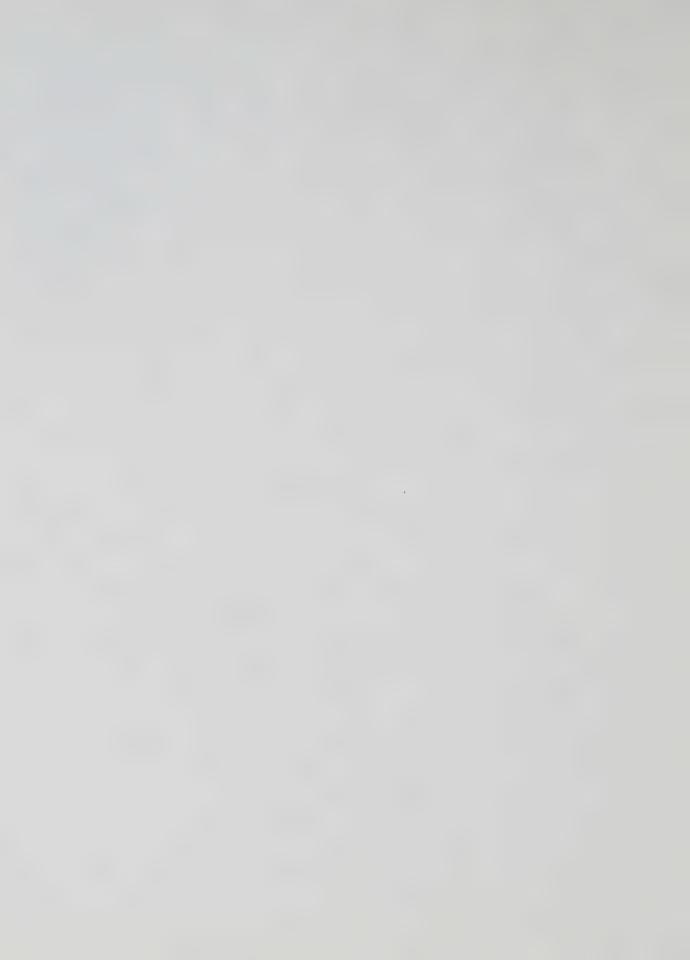
GERALD H. D. HOBBS

Mr. Hobbs is President of Cominco Ltd., and Director and Vice-President, Hawaiian Western Steel Limited, Honolulu. He is also a director of several other companies, including The Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, The White Pass & Yukon Corporation Limited, Dillingham Corporation Canada Ltd., MacMillan Bloedel Limited, and British Columbia Telephone Company, all of Vancouver.

He joined the RCASC in 1940 and served as an officer until 1946, when he entered the steel business, becoming General Manager of Western Canada Steel Limited in 1955, President in 1964 and Chairman, 1967 - 1972.

Mr. Hobbs is a member of the U.B.C. Senate and is Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee, Health Sciences Centre at U.B.C.

He was born March 11, 1921 in Vancouver, is married to Phyllis Rae (Nicolson) Hobbs and has two sons and two daughters.



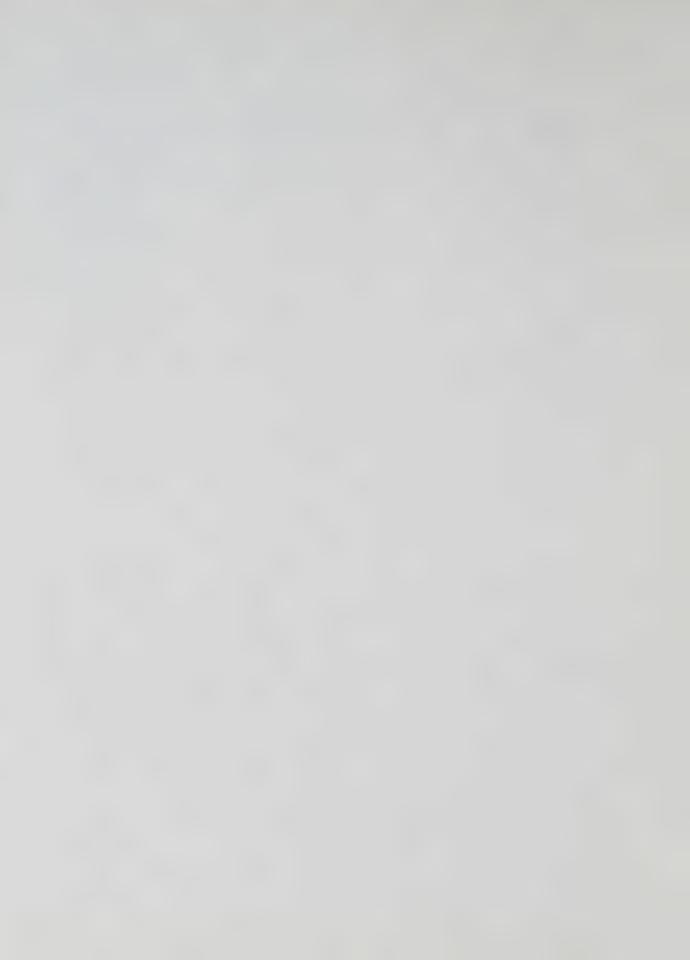
ALLAN M. McGAVIN

Born January 15, 1911 in Darvel, Scotland, he came to Canada in 1913. He was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto and at the San Diego Army and Navy Academy, Pacific Beach, Calif.

He began his business career in Edmonton in 1928 with McGavin Bakeries, established by his father and grandfather. He worked in Los Angeles, Pasadena, Lethbridge, Alta., Edmonton and Vancouver and was elected president of McGavin Bakeries in 1948. Since 1961 he has been president of McGavin ToastMaster Limited, formed at the amalgamation of the McGavin companies and Canadian Bakeries Ltd. In 1972 he was elected Chairman of the Board.

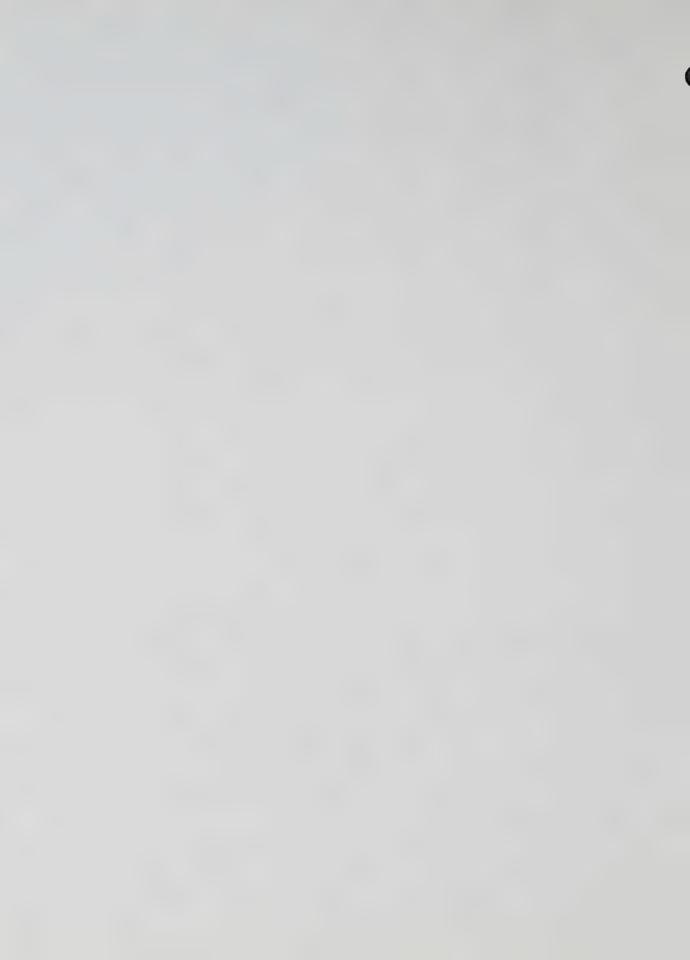
Mr. McGavin is Chairman of the Board of Governors, and
Chancellor emeritus of the University of British Columbia. He is a
director of several Canadian companies, including B.C. Forest Products
Limited, British Properties Limited, Park Royal Limited, John Labatt
Limited, Trans-Mountain Pipeline, Hudson's Bay Company, Hudson's
Bay Oil and Gas Company Limited and The Bank of Nova Scotia. He is
also on the Vancouver Advisory Board of the Royal Trust Company.

He has been active in many community and sports capacities, including co-Chairman of the 3 Universities Capital Fund:



vice-president, Canadian Olympic Association; Honorary-Director,
Amateur Athletic Union of Canada; Chairman, Pan American Games
Committee; 1963 Chairman, United Appeal of Greater Vancouver;
co-Chairman, B.C. Racing Commission and vice-president,
Bakery Council of Canada.

He became a director of B.C. Telephone on March 11, 1971.



VICTOR F. MacLEAN

Born in Vancouver April 28, 1924, Mr. MacLean was educated at public and high schools in Vancouver.

He is president and chief executive officer of Kelly, Douglas & Company Limited; president of Nabob Holdings Ltd., Super-Valu Stores (B.C.) Ltd., Nabob Foods Ltd., and Dickson Importing Co. Ltd.

He is chairman and director of Calvan, Canus Catering Services

Ltd., and Cloverdale Paint and Chemicals Ltd., Foremost Foods Ltd.;

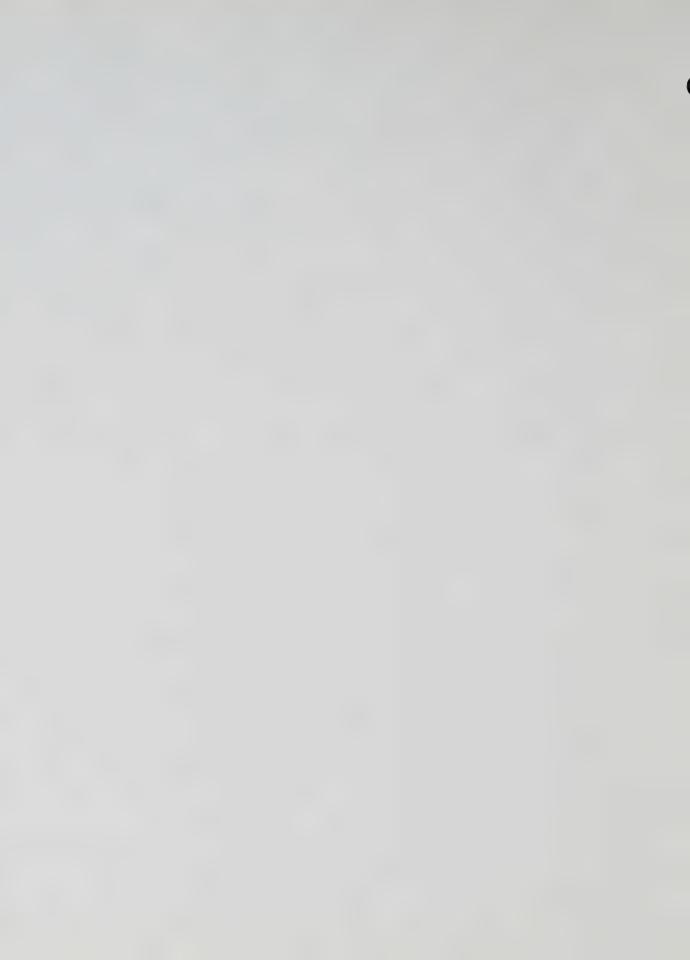
a director of Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., Pacific Cartage Ltd., National

Trust Company; and a member of the Vancouver Advisory Board, Vancouver

Board of Trade, Canadian Manufacturers Association, and Canadian

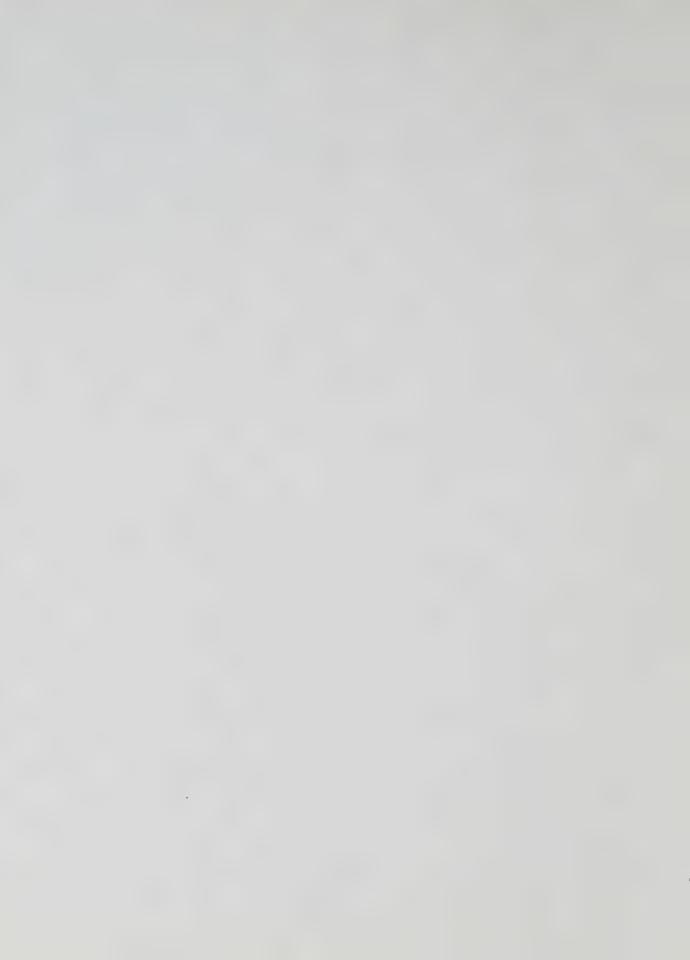
Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. MacLean joined Kelly, Douglas & Company Limited in 1947, became secretary and assistant treasurer in 1951, a director in 1952, executive vice-president in 1953, and president in 1957.



J. ERNEST RICHARDSON

(See Officers - Biographies)



HUGH R. STEPHEN

Mr. Stephen was born in Guildford, England on April 25, 1913.

He began a newspaper career as a cub reporter at the age of 18 in

London and worked on British newspapers for seven years before

emigrating to Canada with his family in 1938.

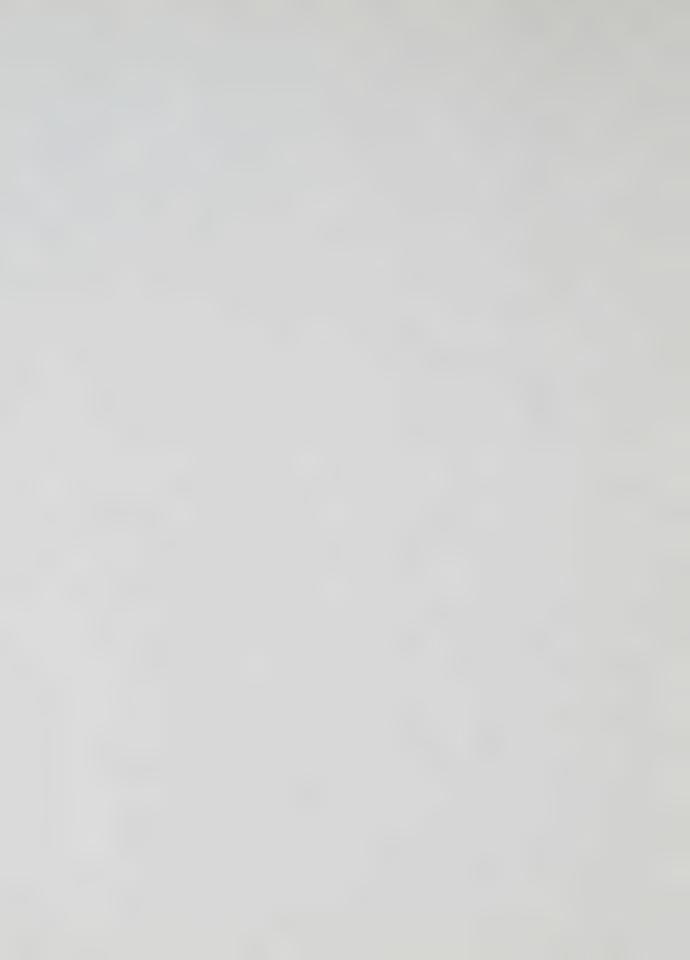
Mr. Stephen served in the Canadian Army during the Second World War, first in the Coast Artillery and later as a member of a psychological warfare team with British forces in Southeast Asia.

He operated a laundry and dry cleaning company in Victoria from 1946 to 1962 and has served as an alderman, mayor, and president of the Victoria Art Gallery.

He was also president of the Laurier Club and a vice president of the Canadian Club.

He was elected president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce in 1957 and was instrumental in the formation of the Capital Region Planning Board.

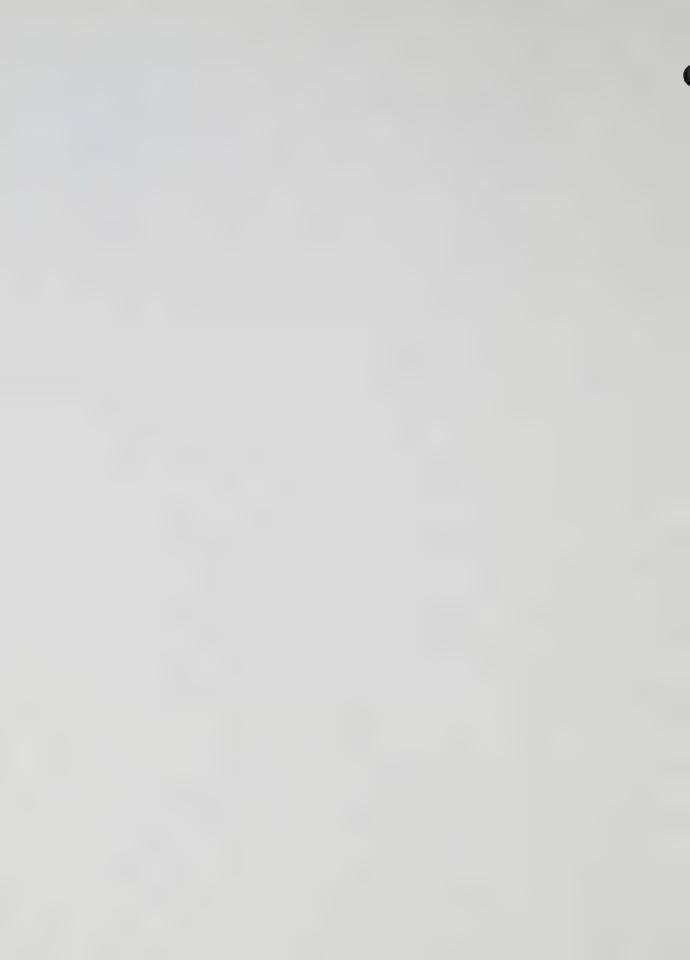
Mr. Stephen also was Chairman of the fund-raising campaign for the YMCA-YWCA headquarters building in Victoria.



He was also Governor of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada, and Vice-chairman of the Victoria Advisory Planning Commission 1950-1958. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Community Planning Association of Canada and a Patron of the Old Contemptibles Association. He was Chairman of the Capital Region Board in 1969.

He was married March 6, 1942 to Barbara Williams. The couple has three children.

Mr. Stephen's term of office as mayor in Victoria was in 1967-68-69.



RICHARD B. WILSON

Born in Victoria, Mr. Wilson was educated at University School there, at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, and at McGill University where he graduated in 1924 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He was elected a director of B.C. Telephone Company March 29, 1967.

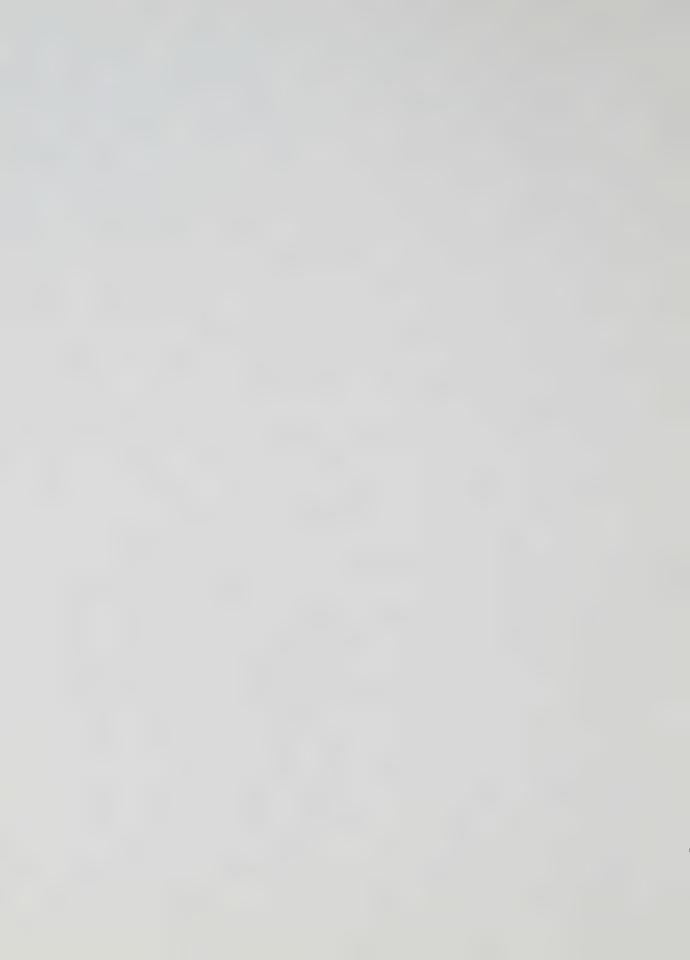
Mr. Wilson was president of Wilson Motors Limited from 1930 until 1955 and currently is a director of the Canada Trust Company,
British Columbia Forest Products Limited, Bapco Paint Co. Ltd., and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

He was mayor of the City of Victoria in 1962-63-64-65, and was chancellor of the University of Victoria from 1966 through 1969.

He is an honorary life member of the Alumni Association of the University of British Columbia, and received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1969. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Victoria in 1971.

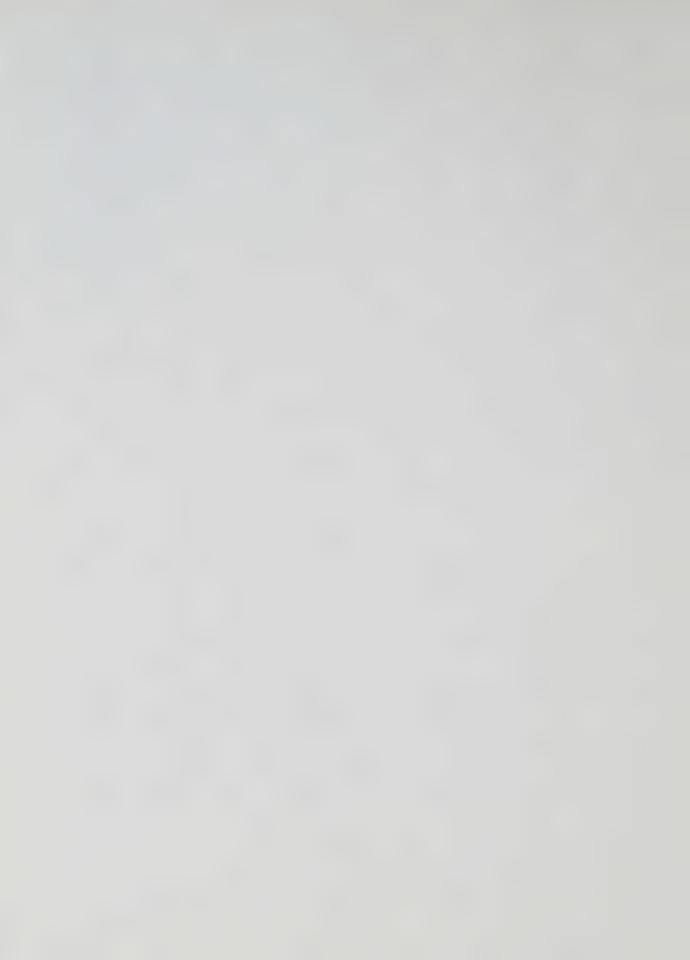
He is an honorary citizen of the City of Salaberry de Valleyfield,

Quebec, and an honorary life member of the Architectural Institute of B.C.



BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

OFFICERS - BIOGRAPHIES



BIOGRAPHY

J. ERNEST RICHARDSON

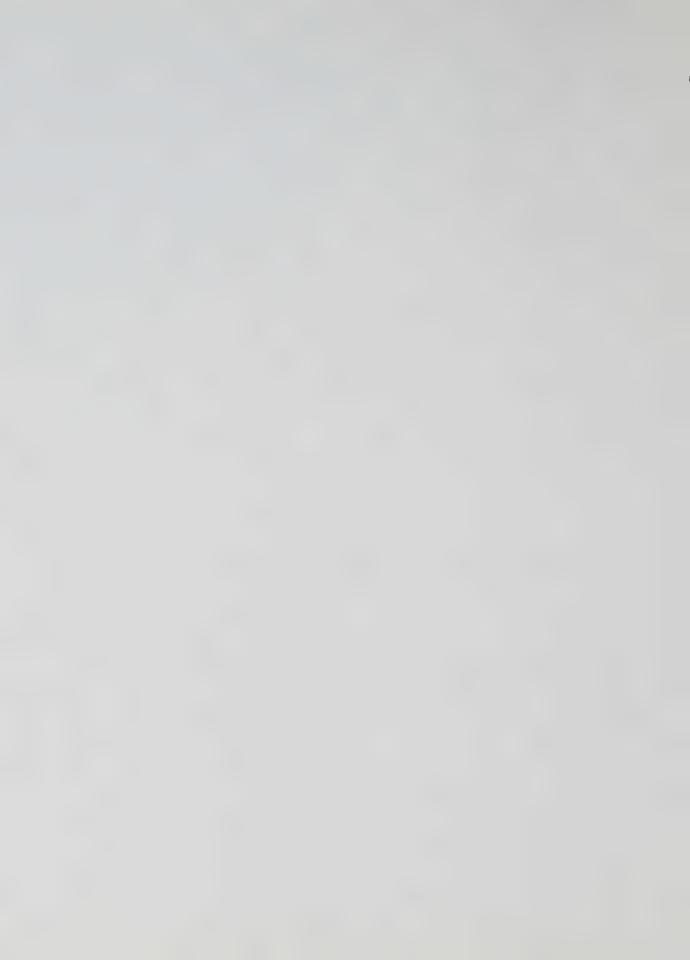
Mr. Richardson was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on January 13, 1911. He was raised and educated in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he attended public schools, the Halifax County Academy and Dalhousie University. He graduated in Arts from Dalhousie in 1934 and in Law in 1936 and was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1936.

He was manager of the Eastern Trust Company in Charlottetown,
P.E.I., from 1940 to 1942. He served with the 26th Battery, 4th Canadian
Field Regiment, 1942-45.

He was secretary and general counsel with the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited, Halifax, from 1946 to 1956; general commercial manager of that company from 1956 to 1957; assistant to the president,

January 1, 1958; vice-president and director, February 19, 1958; and became president of the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited in February, 1959, which position he held until September, 1963.

He also served as assistant to the president and director of the Island Telephone Company Limited, Halifax, from April, 1958, until he was named president of that company in May, 1959.



Mr. Richardson was appointed president and chief executive officer of B.C. Telephone Company, August 30, 1963. At the time of his appointment as president and chief executive officer of the B.C. Telephone Company, he was president of both the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company and the Island Telephone Company. In 1971 he assumed the added responsibilities of chairman of the board of B.C. Tel.

Mr. Richardson is a director of MacMillan Bloedel Limited,

Placer Development Ltd., The Halifax Insurance Company, the Commercial

Life Assurance Company of Canada, Canada Cement Lafarge Ltd.,

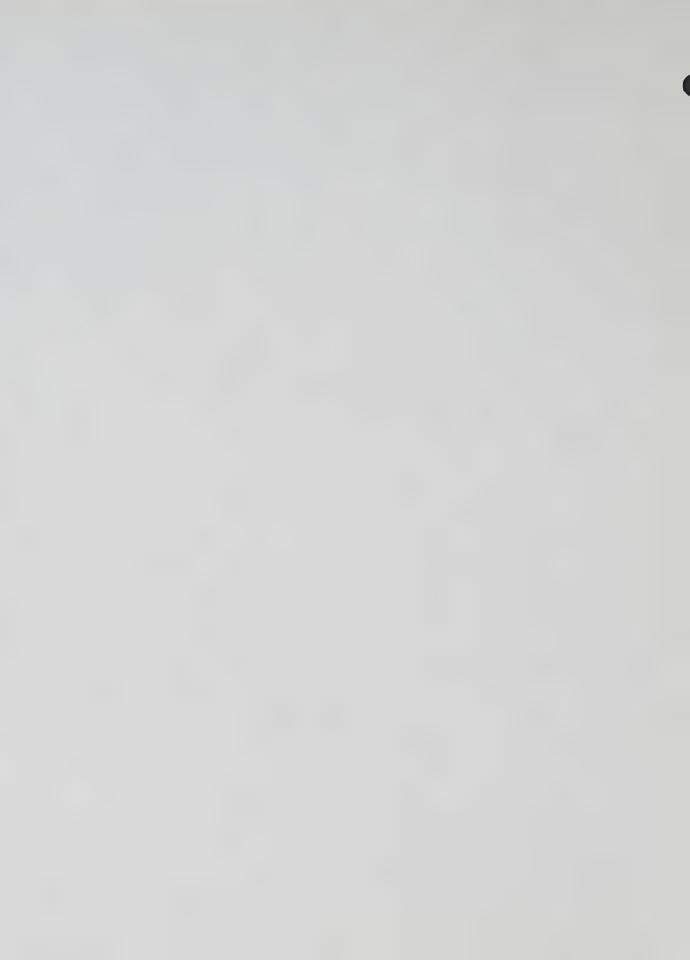
Westcoast Transmission Company Ltd., and a vice-president of the

board of directors of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He is

a regular member of The Conference Board, and a member of the Board

of Governors of the Employers' Council of B.C.

He married Marian Stephens Findlay of Guelph, Ontario on June 22, 1940 and they have three sons and two daughters.

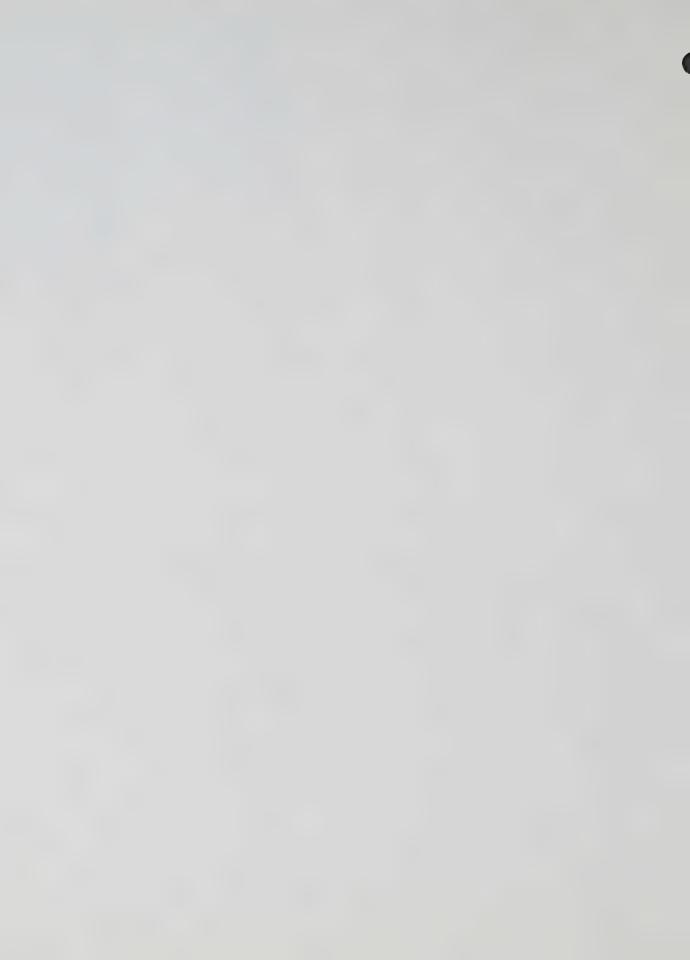


GILBERT F. AUCHINLECK

Mr. Auchinleck was born and educated in Vancouver. He was graduated in electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1944 and joined B.C. Telephone Company in 1946 after serving two years in the Canadian Army as a lieutenant in the RCEME.

Mr. Auchinleck has held a number of managerial positions in the Company including Interior and Island Division Manager. He was appointed Vice-President - Staff (Operations) in December, 1970, and effective February, 1973, was made Vice-President and General Manager (Coastal Area).

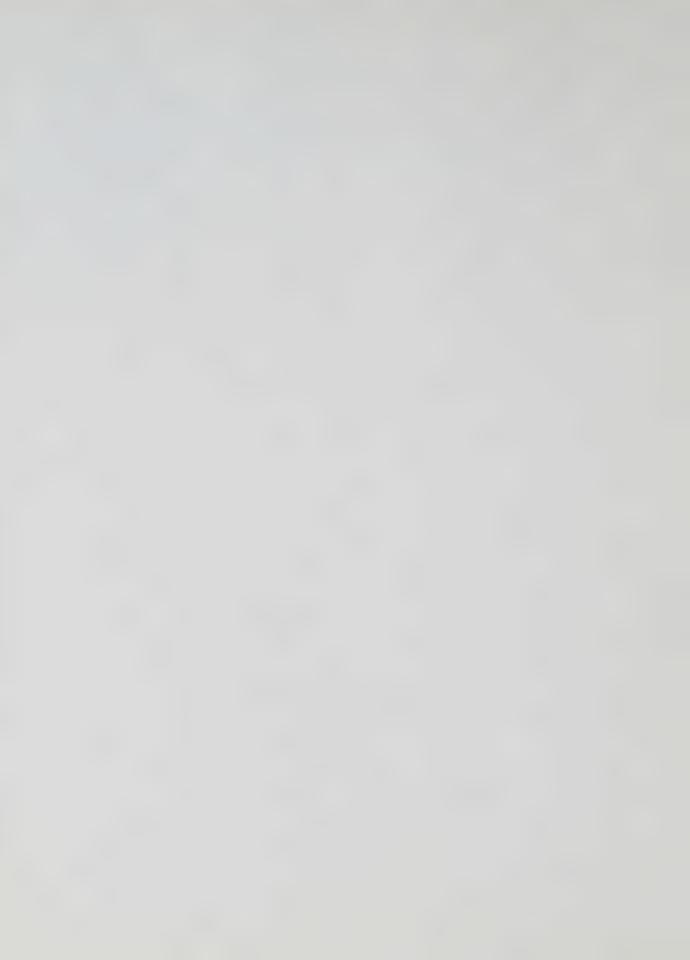
Mr. Auchinleck is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Victoria and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C.



ROLAND J. BOUWMAN

Mr. Bouwman was born in Heerlen, The Netherlands, and was educated at Leduc, Alberta, John Oliver High School in Vancouver and the University of British Columbia. He was in the RCAF for five years and was attached to the RAF for three years overseas as an Observer with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He spent twelve years with the RCAF Auxiliary Reserve in Vancouver as O.C. Reserve Recruiting.

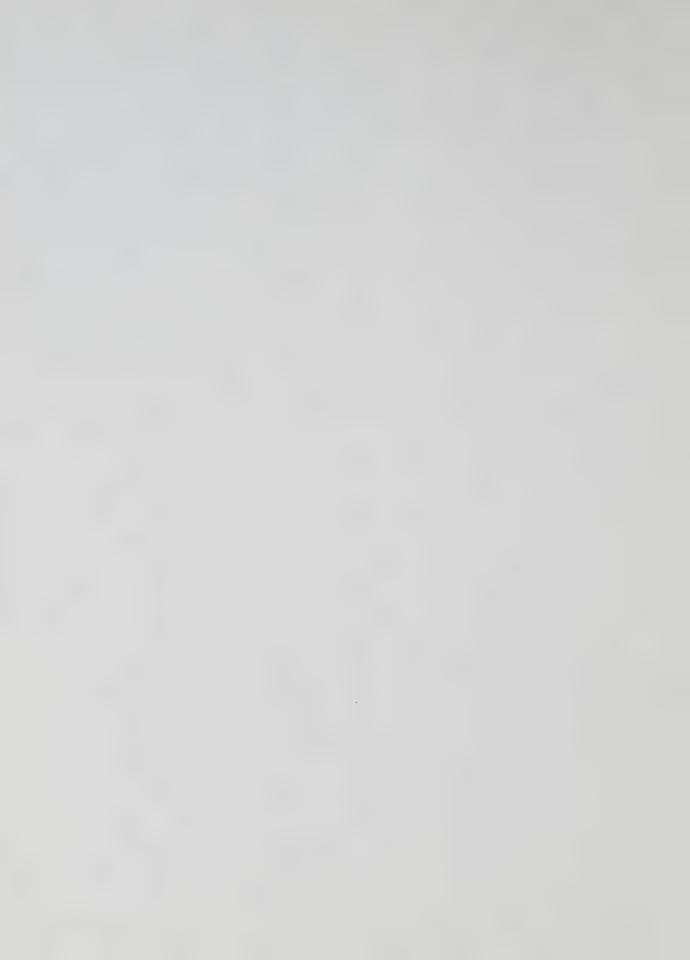
Mr. Bouwman took his law degree at UBC and was called to the bar in October, 1955. In 1956, he became a prosecutor for the City of Vancouver and was deputy city prosecutor from 1964 until July 1, 1968, when he was appointed general counsel of the B.C. Telephone Company. On August 1, 1969, he was appointed general counsel and secretary. For the last seven years, he has been a member of the Board of the Vancouver Centennial Museum and H.R. MacMillan Planetarium. Effective January 1, 1972, he was appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Vancouver Bar Association.



DARELL CAMPBELL

Mr. Campbell was born in Vancouver, and is a Commerce graduate of the University of British Columbia and a past president of The Society of Industrial Accountants of Canada.

Mr. Campbell joined B.C. Telephone in 1957 and has held various posts before being appointed Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer on August 19, 1970.

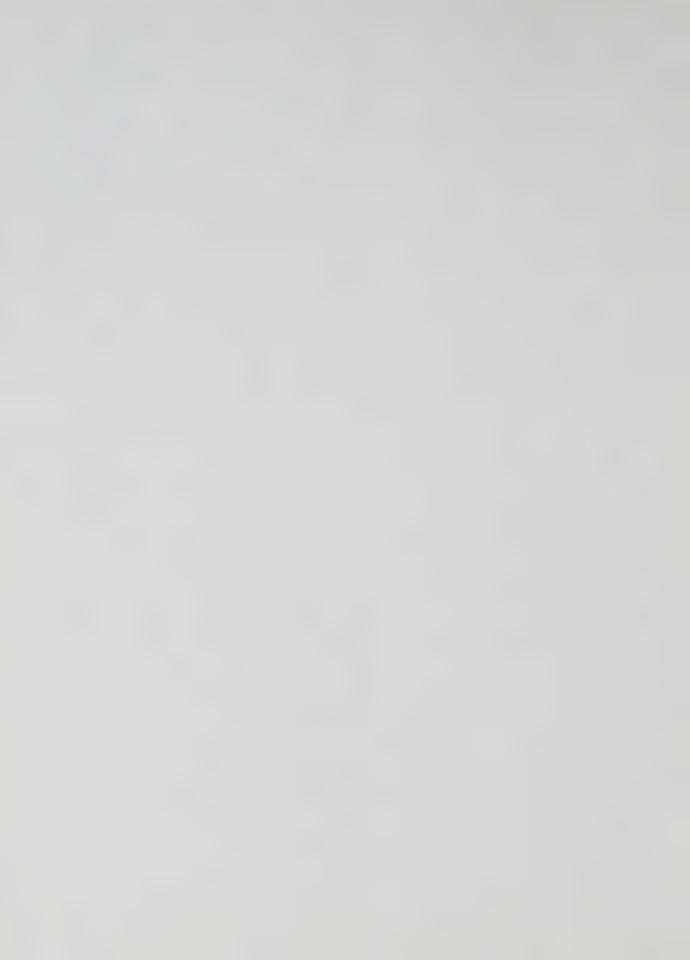


TERENCE F. HEENAN

Mr. Heenan was born and raised in Halifax. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from St. Mary's University, Halifax, in 1947, and his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax, in 1949. The same year, he joined the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company in Halifax and held various positions in the engineering and traffic departments before becoming Assistant Chief Engineer with that company in 1963.

In 1965, he was appointed chairman of the Advisory Group of the Trans-Canada Telephone System, with headquarters in Montreal. He held that post until his appointment with B.C. Telephone Company.

On September 1, 1967, he was appointed vice-president - staff (operations) with B.C. Tel and on December 15, 1970, he became vice-president - operations.



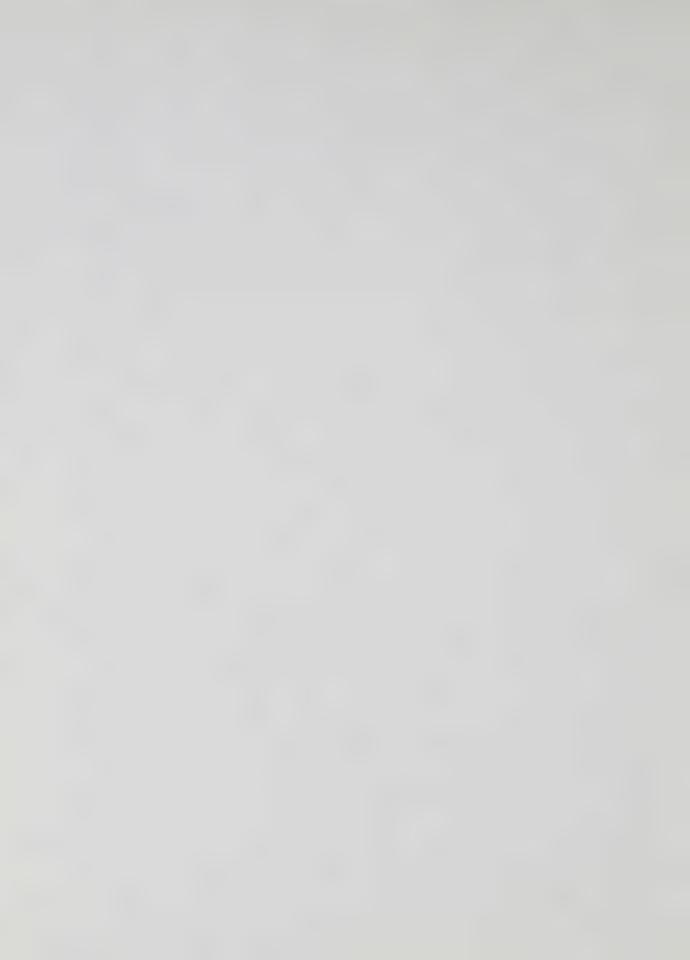
GORDON F. MacFARLANE

Mr. MacFarlane was born in Victoria in 1925. He attended the University of British Columbia following service with the RCAF from 1943 to 1946, and in 1950 he obtained his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in electrical engineering.

He joined the B.C. Telephone Company in May, 1950 and has served as an equipment engineering assistant, automatic equipment engineer, plant extension engineer, Coastal Division engineering and construction manager, district manager, and director of plant and engineering services. He was appointed chief engineer and director of plant services in February, 1966.

On October 1, 1967, Mr. MacFarlane was appointed vice-president - operations, and on December 15, 1970, became vice-president - corporate development. In this capacity, he is responsible for the formulation of corporate plans, policies, and objectives, and for liaison with other communications companies and organizations and departments of Government. His responsibilities also include regulatory matters, management information services and systems development.

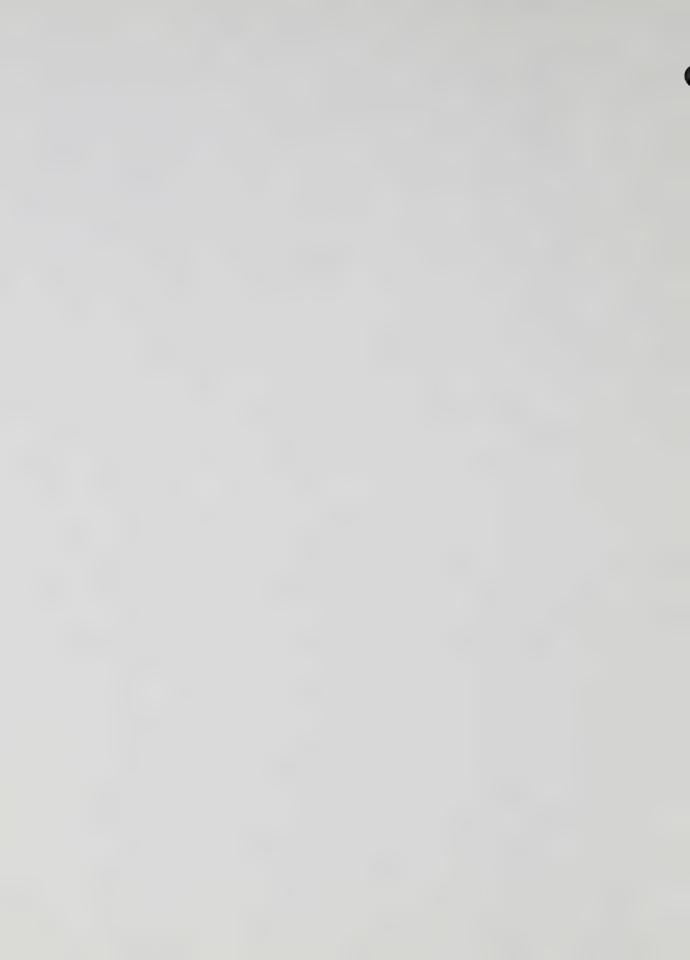
He is a director of Telesat Canada.



JAMES A. MacINNES

James A. MacInnes, Vice-President - Public Affairs, was born in Edmonton, Alberta, and moved to British Columbia at an early age. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1950 with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in mechanical engineering, and began his career with B.C. Tel in June of the same year. After holding a number of management positions in the Engineering Department, he became Safety Director in 1958, and Coastal Division Engineering and Construction Manager in 1963. In 1966 Mr. MacInnes became Director of Public Affairs, and in September, 1972, was elected as Vice-President - Public Affairs.

He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C., the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Canadian Public Relations Society.



D. BARRY McNEIL

Mr. McNeil was educated at Vancouver College and the University of British Columbia. He joined Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison, chartered accountants, in 1952, obtained his chartered accountant's certificate in 1957 and became a partner in the firm in 1964.

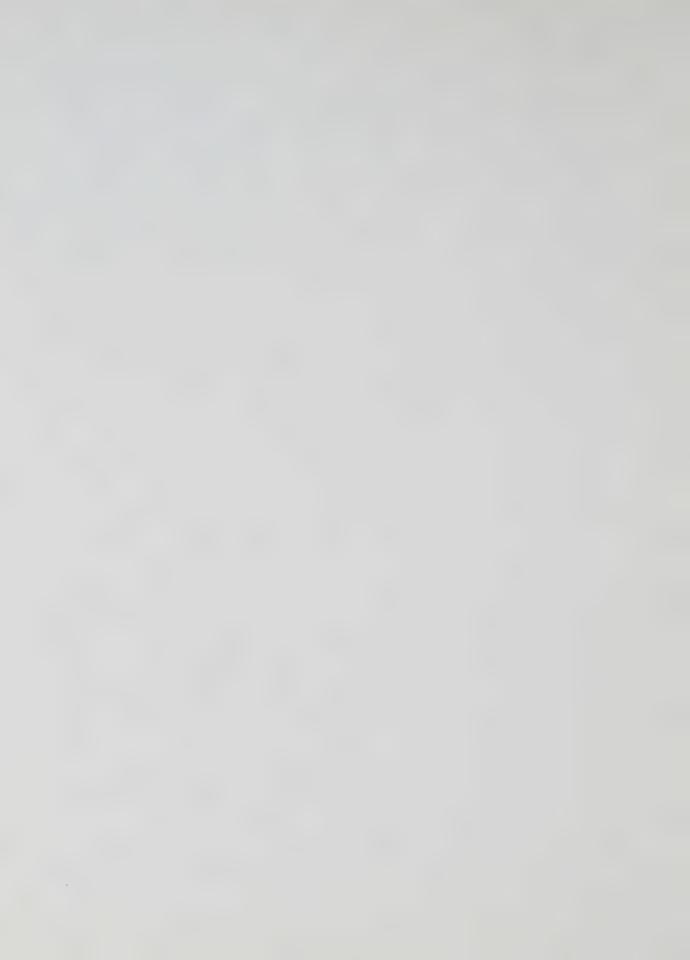
Throughout this period, he was associated with the B.C.

Telephone Company in connection with auditing, financial and regulatory

affairs.

On August 1, 1967, Mr. McNeil was appointed Comptroller of B.C. Tel, and on July 22, 1971 was appointed Vice-President - Comptroller.

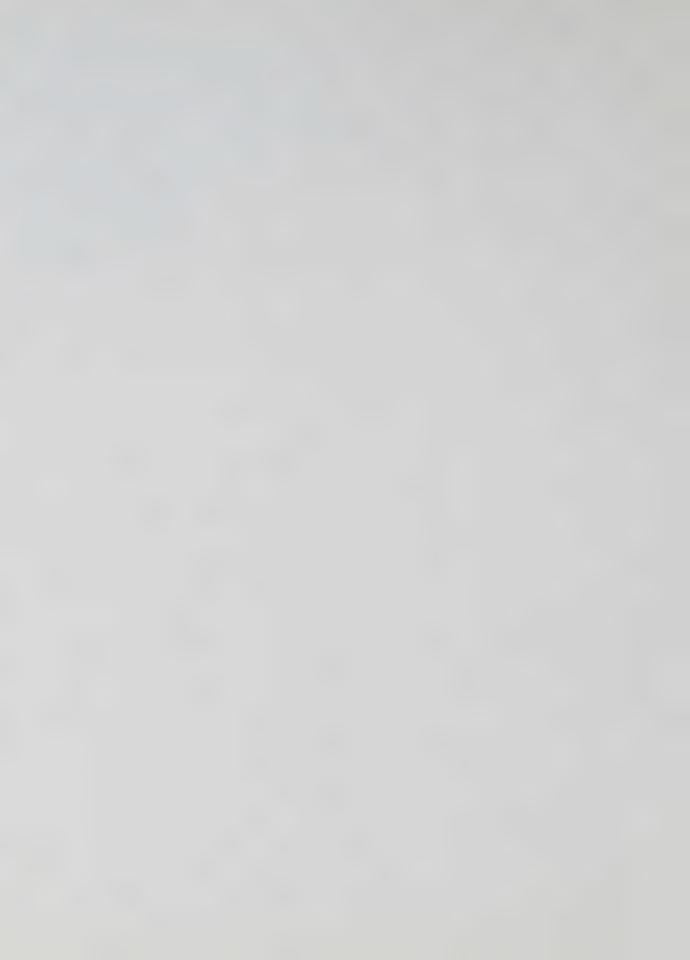
He was elected a Fellow of the Insitute of Chartered Accountants of B.C. in 1972.



J. NEIL STEWART

Mr. Stewart was born in Prince George. He received his
Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia
in 1958. He obtained his Chartered Accountant certificate in 1961 while
with Price Waterhouse & Company and later was Mountain Region
Internal Auditor with the CNR. He joined B.C. Telephone August 1, 1965
as Internal Auditor and was appointed Assistant Secretary and Assistant
Treasurer in 1969.

Effective September 1, 1970 Mr. Stewart was appointed Nanaimo District Customer Service Manager, in which position he served until his election as Assistant Treasurer of the Company, December 1, 1971.



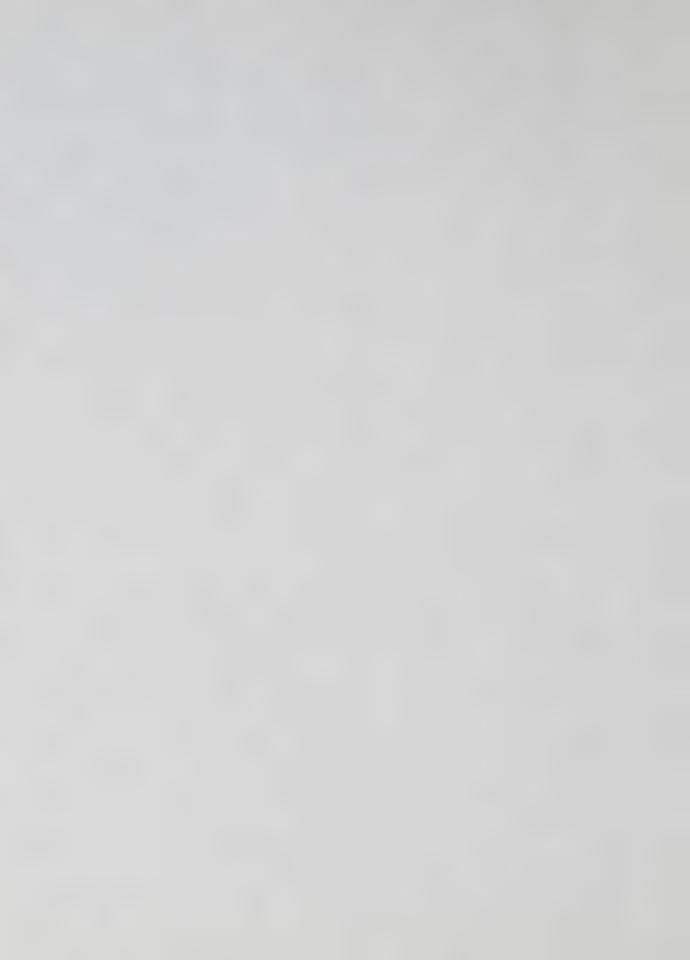
FRANK S. TUCKER

Mr. Tucker was born in Kelowna and educated in Vancouver.

He joined the B.C. Telephone Company in 1939 and started his career in the construction department. He served with the Canadian Army from 1943 - 1946 in the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Upon his return to the Company he held a number of positions before being appointed toll equipment co-ordinator for the Interior division in 1961. He later became Interior division engineer and, in turn, Coastal division plant manager. He was named director of plant and customer service in 1971.

In February, 1973, Mr. Tucker was elected vice-president - personnel and industrial relations.



AUBREY W. VAUGHAN

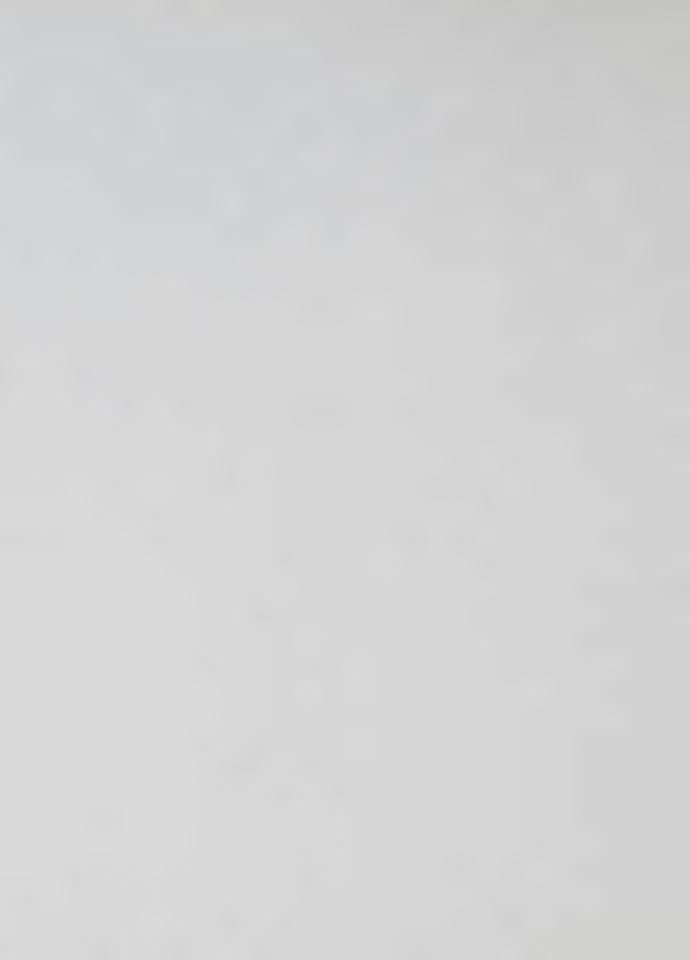
Mr. Vaughan was born in Vancouver, B.C. on August 18, 1909.

He received his education at Vancouver public schools and the University of British Columbia.

Following two and one half years with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, he joined the Independent Sales and Engineering Co. Ltd. on January 1, 1930, as bookkeeper. This company was a predecessor of Canadian Telephones & Supplies Ltd.

After holding various administrative positions including Secretary,
Treasurer and Director with Canadian (B.C.) Telephones & Supplies Ltd.,
Dominion Directory Company Limited and Automatic Electric Sales (Canada)
Limited, he became Vice-President and General Manager of Canadian (B.C.)
Telephones & Supplies Ltd. on January 1, 1958.

On January 1, 1962, he joined British Columbia Telephone Company as Assistant Vice-President - Revenue Requirements. On July 1, 1965, he became Director of Finance and on August 1, 1969 was elected Treasurer.

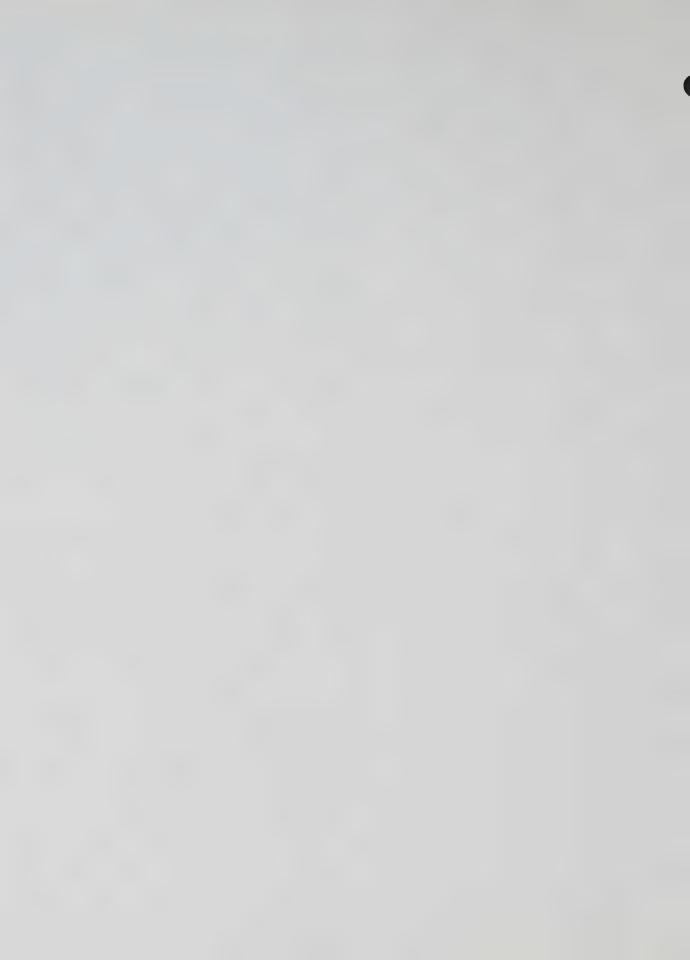


Capsule History

Telephones were first installed in British Columbia in the Spring of 1878 at two different locations on Vancouver Island. A mechanic named William H. Wall, at the Wellington Colliery of Dunsmuir, Diggle and Company, manufactured two telephone instruments and they were installed on a wire line built between the mine and the loading docks at Departure Bay, a few miles away. At approximately the same time, Mr. R.B. McMicking, Superintendent of British Columbia Telegraphs, leased two telephone instruments from the Bell Telephone Company of Canada and installed them on a line between his home and a downtown office in Victoria, for demonstration purposes.

- First telephone company in British Columbia was incorporated May 8, 1880, as the VICTORIA AND ESQUIMALT TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
- First mainland system was founded February 18, 1884, as the NEW WESTMINSTER AND PORT MOODY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED. The name was changed April 6, 1886, to the NEW WESTMINSTER AND BURRARD INLET TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
- The VERNON AND NELSON TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, was incorporated April 20, 1891.
- New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, Limited, acquired Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited, in 1899.
- Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, Limited, was authorized to extend operations to all parts of the province May 11, 1903.

- B.C. Tel Capsule History cont'd.
- On March 14, 1904, the assets of the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, Limited, and the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited, were purchased by the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, Limited, which on July 5, 1904, had its name changed to BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
- On April 12, 1916, the WESTERN CANADA TELEPHONE COMPANY was incorporated as a federal company, with powers to operate anywhere in British Columbia and to extend lines outside B.C.
- On November 29, 1919, authorization was granted to change the name from Western Canada Telephone Company to BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY (without the Limited).
- On February 8, 1923, the assets of the provincial British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, were transferred to the new federal company. This marked the start of B.C. Tel as it is today.
- The NORTH-WEST TELEPHONE COMPANY obtained a provincial charter in 1929.
- British Columbia Telephone Company acquired the MISSION TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED in 1952; acquired the KOOTENAY TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED in 1953; with the North-west Telephone Company took over part of the GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICE territory in B. C. in 1954; and acquired CHILLIWACK TELEPHONES LIMITED in 1954.
- In 1961, the North-west Telephone Company was amalgamated with British Columbia Telephone Company.
- In 1966, the British Columbia Telephone Company acquired controlling interest in the Okanagan Telephone Company. At December 31, 1972, the British Columbia Telephone Company held 99.89 percent of the Okanagan Company's outstanding common shares.



Company Ownership

The British Columbia Telephone Company is an investor-owned company, incorporated federally.

Anglo-Canadian Telephone Company of Montreal is the major stockholder, as it has been since 1935 when it acquired 44,943 (or 99.9%) of the 45,000 Ordinary (voting) shares then outstanding.

By 1950, Anglo-Canadian held all of the 60,000 Ordinary shares issued. Public acquisition of Ordinary shares issued during the following years reduced the Anglo-Canadian interest to as low as 33.75% of the Ordinary shares, a position reached in April, 1954.

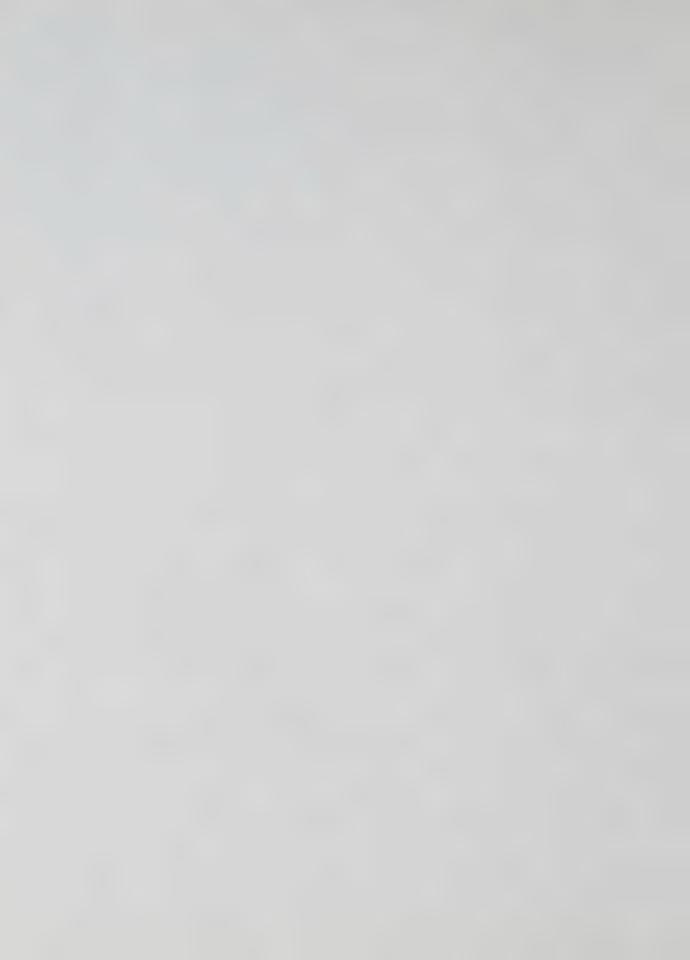
Anglo-Canadian subsequently increased this interest gradually until by July, 1962, through shares acquired privately, on the open market, and from rights issues, it held 50.14% of the issued Ordinary shares.

At December 31, 1972, Anglo-Canadian Telephone held 1,640,644 Ordinary shares, or 50.69% of the 3,236,625 then issued and outstanding.

General Telephone & Electronics Corporation of the United States controls Anglo-Canadian Telephone Company in which it acquired controlling interest in October, 1955. At December 31, 1972, General Telephone & Electronics Corporation held an 83. 28% voting control in Anglo-Canadian.

Canadian Telephones and Supplies Ltd., with headquarters in Burnaby, which does installation and some equipment assembly work for B.C. Tel under contract, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anglo-Canadian Telephone.

Dominion Directory Company Limited which handles printing and advertising sales for telephone directories for B.C. Tel and other telephone companies in Canada, also is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anglo-Canadian Telephone.



Ordinary Shareholders

At the end of 1972, a total of 3,236,625 ordinary shares of British Columbia Telephone Company stock were issued and outstanding.

The number of ordinary shareholders was 5,850.

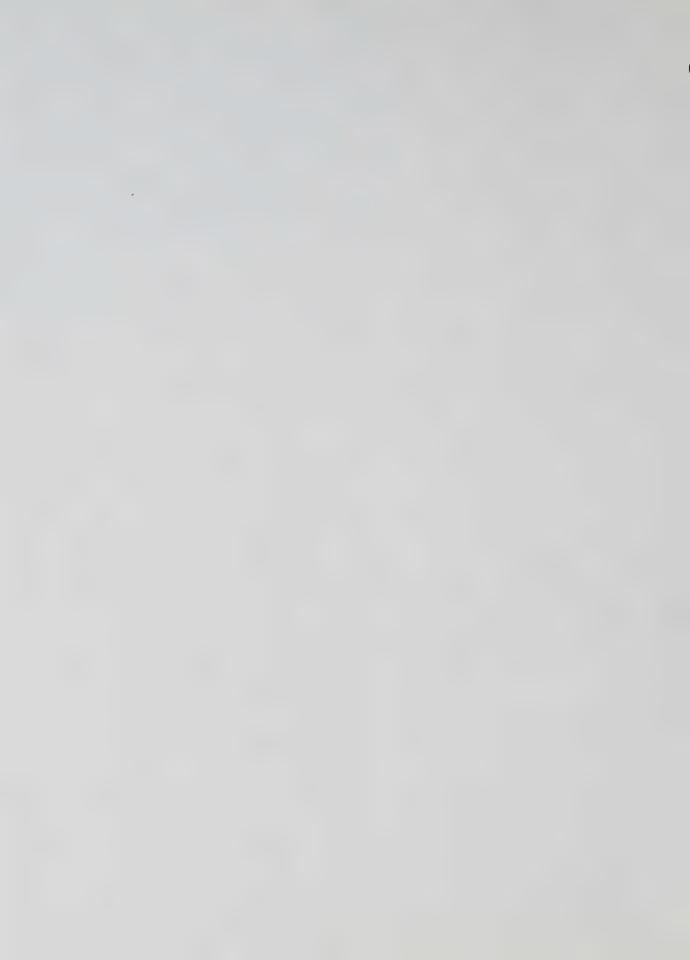
British Columbia residents among them numbered 3,031 (or 53 percent of the total) and held 378,909 ordinary shares (or 11.7 percent of the total issued and outstanding).

Canadian residents among them numbered 5,567 (or 95.2 percent of the total) and held 3,170,269 ordinary shares (or 97.9 percent of those issued and outstanding). These include the holdings of Anglo-Canadian Telephone Company.

The number of shareholders in the U.S. totalled 190, holding 25,865 ordinary shares.

The number of shareholders in the United Kingdom numbered 59, holding 34,735 ordinary shares.

The number of Other Foreign shareholders numbered 34, holding 5,756 ordinary shares.



Preference and Preferred Shareholders

At the end of 1972, a total of 2,535,000 preference and preferred shares were issued.

The number of preference and preferred shareholders totalled 18,512.

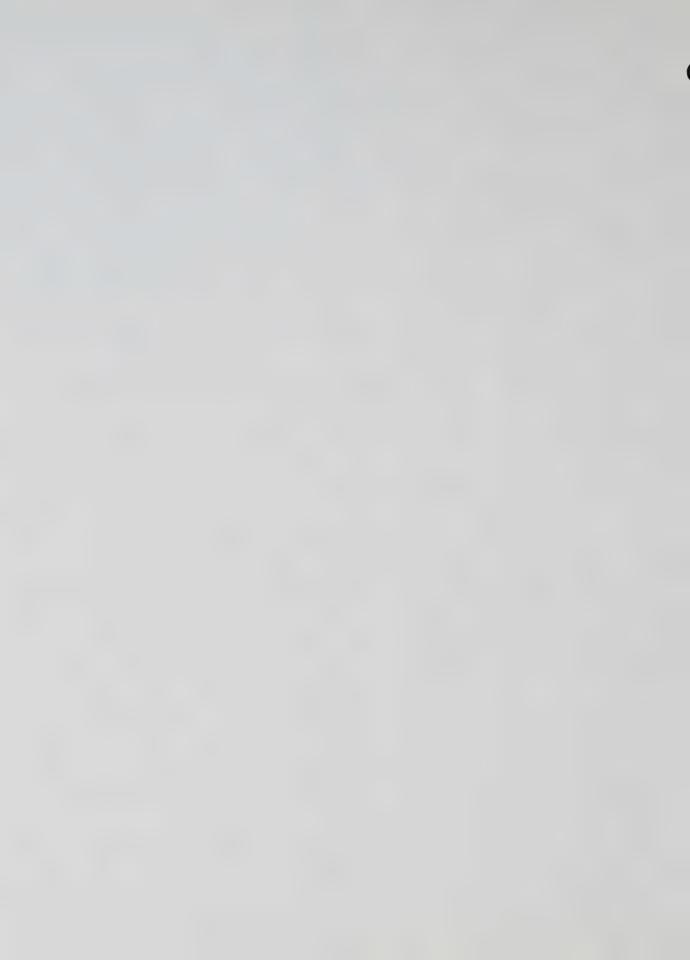
British Columbia residents among them numbered 11,098 (or 60 percent of the total) and held 886,309 shares (35 percent of the total issued).

Canadian residents among them numbered 18,280 (or 98.7 percent of the total) and held 2,526,602 shares (or 99.7 percent of those issued).

The number of preference and preferred shareholders in the U.S. was 167 holding 4,740 shares.

The number of preference and preferred shareholders in the United Kingdom was 49 holding 1,918 shares.

The number of Other Foreign preference and preferred shareholders was 16 holding 1,740 shares.



ADMINISTRATION

The administrative structure of the Company is broken down by function, with the following reporting to the

President:

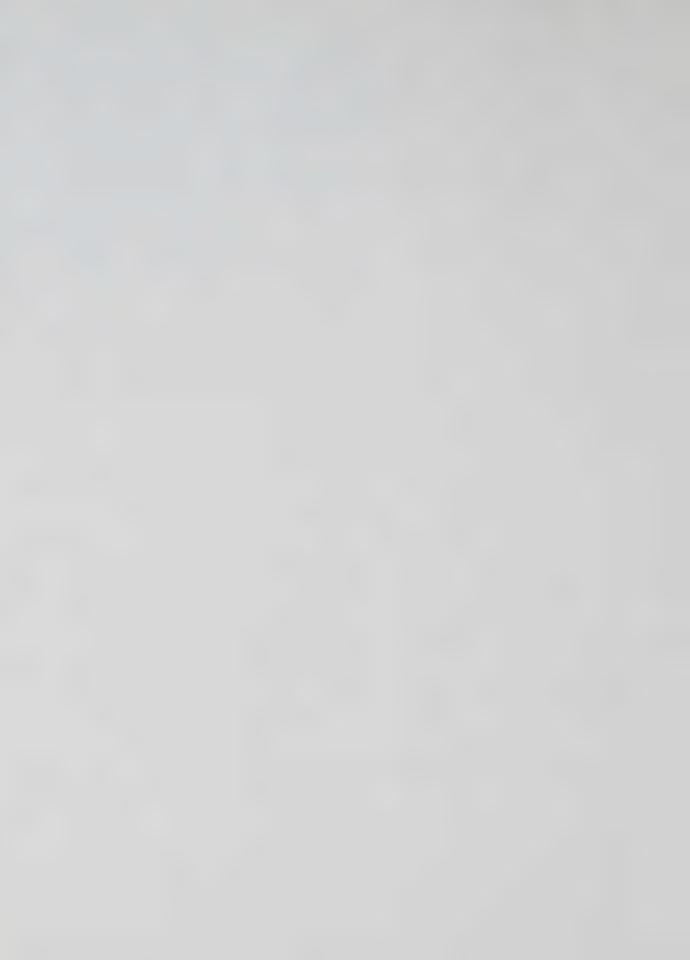
- Organization, Planning, Operations and Public Affairs (through the Vice-Presidents of Operations, Personnel and Industrial Relations, Corporate Development, Public Affairs and Comptroller)
- Treasurer
- Director of Marketing and Sales
- General Counsel and Secretary

The Vice-President - Operations is responsible for the day-to-day provision of all communications services and has reporting to him the following:

- Vice-President & General Manager (Coastal Area) who is responsible for all operational services including Customer and Traffic Services, Planning, Plant and Engineering Services in the two Divisions in the Coastal Area
- Executive Director Operations Staff whose responsibilities include Engineering, Plant, Traffic and Commercial Staff Services
- Supply, Transportation & Buildings Director who operates a central purchasing and warehousing facility, as well as the transportation department which maintains all Company vehicles, and the buildings department whose responsibility is the maintenance of Company buildings
- Three Division Managers of the Island, Interior and Northern Divisions, who are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the communications network and for the associated engineering, construction, maintenance, traffic and customer service functions in their respective geographic areas
- General Customer Service Manager

The Vice-President - Personnel and Industrial Relations is responsible for all personnel and industrial relations matters, including collective bargaining with the Federation of Telephone Workers, employee health and welfare, benefits and records, recruitment, management employee training and development, safety, and wage and salary administration.

The Vice-President - Corporate Development is responsible for directing the formulation and recommendation of policies, plans, and objectives to meet the Company's future total telecommunications needs. He also is responsible for regulatory matters, management information services and systems development.



Administration (Cont'd)

The Vice-President - Public Affairs is responsible for developing, establishing, and promoting the use of public relations policies, procedures, plans, and programs which will develop, maintain and enhance favorable public attitudes toward the Company. He develops, recommends and implements short-range and long-range public relations and advertising objectives, plans and programs, working in close co-ordination with all other major departments in the Company.

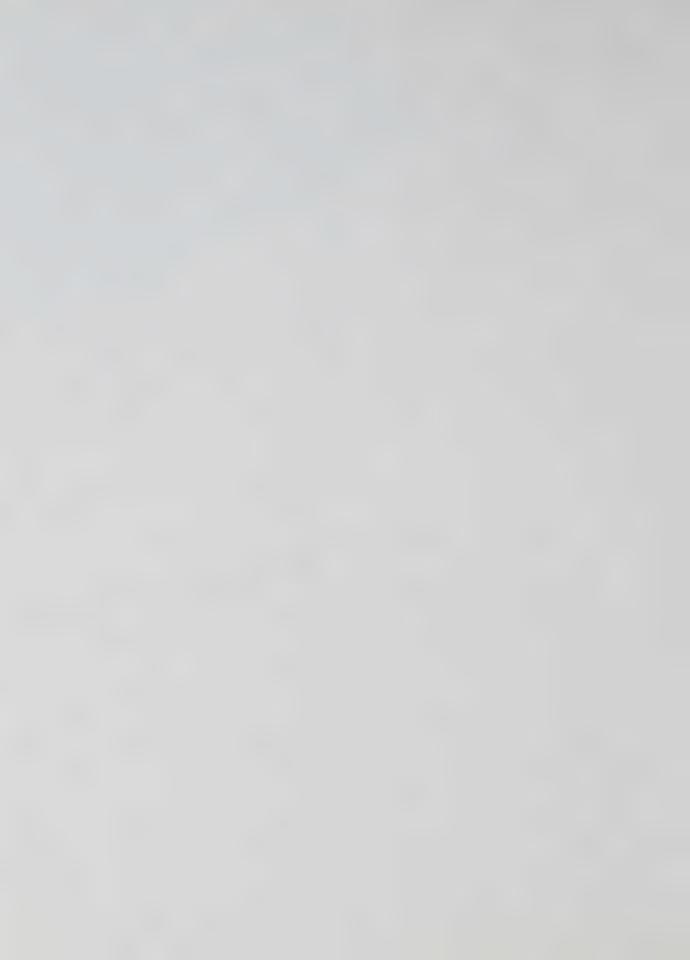
The Vice-President - Comptroller is responsible for Accounting and Financial Planning and Results.

The Treasurer is responsible for Financing and Treasury functions.

The Director of Marketing and Sales is responsible for all marketing and sales activities of the Company. He and his staff work to develop the Marketing point of view in Company policies, and to develop new uses and new users for existing facilities. They study the market for new equipment, and integrate marketing plans with existing facilities and with the construction, manufacturing and supply programs.

General Counsel and Secretary is responsible for all legal matters affecting the Company, and also carries out the duties of Secretary as set forth in the by-laws.

Following are brief descriptions of the operating Divisions:



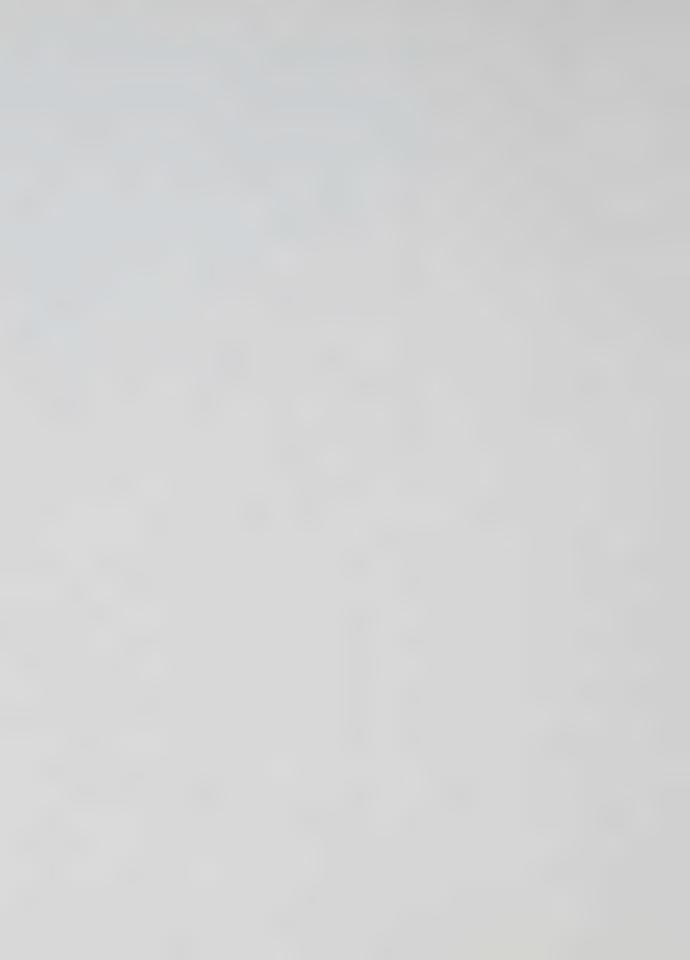
COASTAL AREA

EAST DIVISION - COASTAL AREA

The East Division, with headquarters in Burnaby, includes the eastern part of Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, all of the Fraser Valley, and extends as far east as to include Boston Bar and Vale.

The Division covers an area of 8580 square miles, or 2.3% of the total area of the province. (See map for exact boundaries.)

	Telephone		;
	Business		Home
Division Manager: C.R. Swabey	(662-8004 (433-1022		980-3555
District Managers:			
Vancouver East-Burnaby District - A.A. Higinbotham	438-2131		266-2100
New Westminster District - T. R. Watson	522-1277		263-5874
Lower Fraser Valley District: R. J. E. Smith	588-9811		435-7216
Upper Fraser Valley District: F.V. Bogle	(853-5551 (522-1276		859-9215



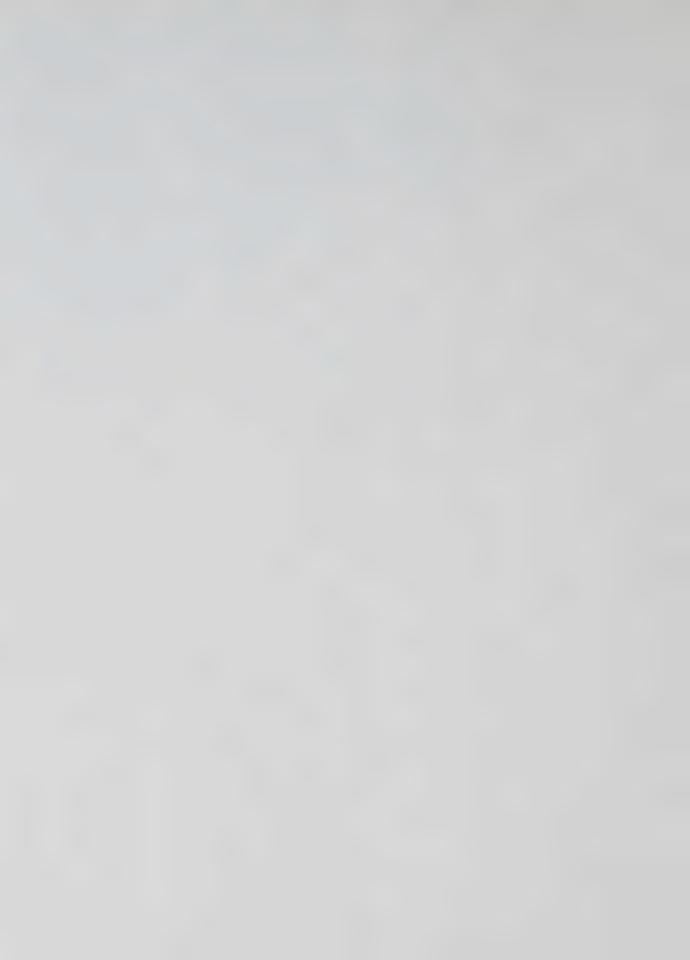
COASTAL AREA

WEST DIVISION - COASTAL AREA

The West Division, with headquarters in Vancouver, includes the western part of Vancouver, Richmond and Steveston, the Sechelt Peninsula and the Howe Sound area including Squamish and extending to Pemberton.

The Division covers an area of 3,740 square miles, or 1.0% of the total area of the province. (See map for exact boundaries.)

	Telephone	
	Business	Home
Division Manager: G.C. MacDonald	662-8027	987-6690
District Managers:		
Vancouver West-Richmond District - G. M. Scott	731-1213	731-2731
Vancouver South District - G.A. Mitchell	662-0595	324-2800
Vancouver Central District - T.G. Williams	662-0505	733-2200
North Shore District - G. L. Abbott	980-2711	266-2626

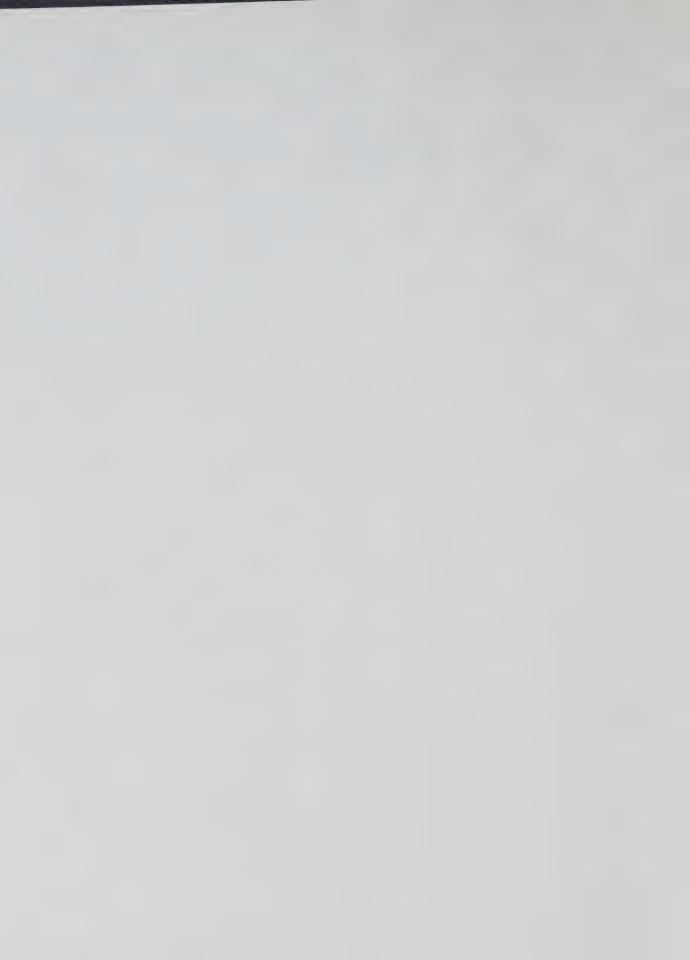


BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY ISLAND DIVISION

The Island Division, with headquarters in Victoria, includes all of Vancouver Island and the mainland coast from Jervis Inlet, just below Powell River, north to the boundary of the Northern Division, with the exception of Bella Coola. There are three Districts in the Division: Victoria, Nanaimo, and Campbell River.

The Division covers an area of 32,230 square miles, or 8.8% of the total area of the province. (See map for exact boundaries.)

		Telephone	
		Business	Home
Division Manager:	G.M. Smith	386-8991	598-2121
Division Customer Service Manager:			
	- R.V. Ostler	386-8717	658-5788
District Customer Serv	vice Managers:		
Victoria District	- B.J. Parker	386-8941	479-4237
Nanaimo District	- G.H. Ball	753-3120	758-2916
Cambell River District	t - C.L. Bennie	287-3324	923-6464

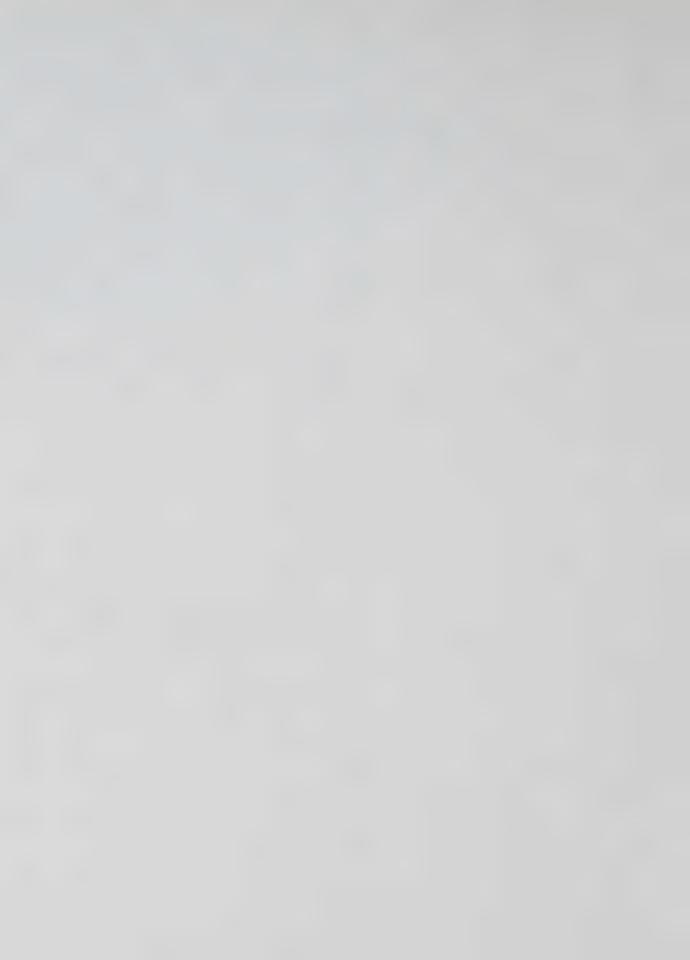


INTERIOR DIVISION

The Interior Division, with headquarters at Kamloops, extends from the eastern boundary of the Coastal Division to the Alberta border and from the international boundary to a line drawn across the province that passes just south of Quesnel. After reaching the coast the line dips below the Queen Charlotte Islands. Bella Coola is included in this Division. There are three Districts: Kamloops, West Kootenay (Headquarters - Nelson) and East Kootenay (Headquarters - Cranbrook).

The Division covers an area of 73,251 square miles or 20.00% of the total area of the province. (See map for exact boundaries.)

	Telephone	
	Business	Home
Division Manager: G. K. Stenner	374-4212	374-2505
Division Customer Service Manager:		
- D. A. Smith	374-4229	372-2100
District Customer Service Managers:		
Kamloops District - R. J. Mark	374-4233	374-1640
West Kootenay District- D.S. Knight	352-9221	352-5100
East Kootenay District - J. J. McGimpsey	426-4848	426-7300

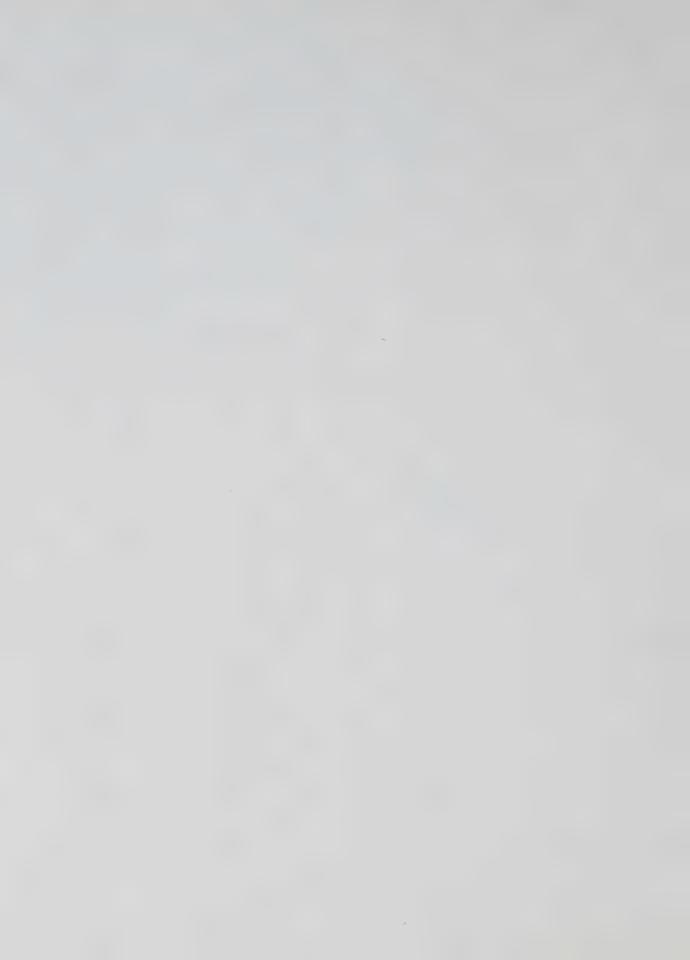


BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY NORTHERN DIVISION

The Northern Division, with headquarters in Prince George, consists of all territories north of the Interior Division boundry (a line from the Alberta border to the coast that passes just south of Quesnel) served by the Company. This includes the Queen Charlotte Islands and Kitimat on the coast, Atlin on the north and the Peace River area in the east. The Division is divided into three Districts: Prince George, Terrace and Peace River.

The Division covers an area of 238,066 square miles or 65.00% of the total area of the province. (See map for exact boundries.)

		Telephone	
		Business	Home
Division Manager:	R.C. Simpson	563-1434	562-1000
District Managers:			
Prince George	- P.W. Hedman	563-1454	563-5800
Terrace	- S. G. Patterson	635-5011	635-3044
Peace River	- W.A. Ronquist	782-3545	782-2121

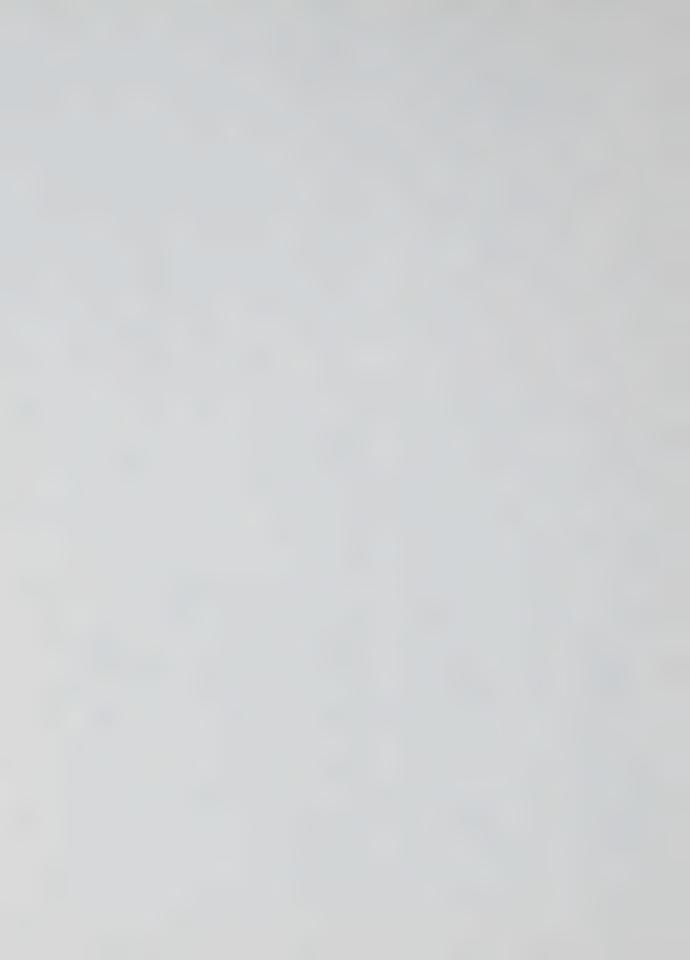


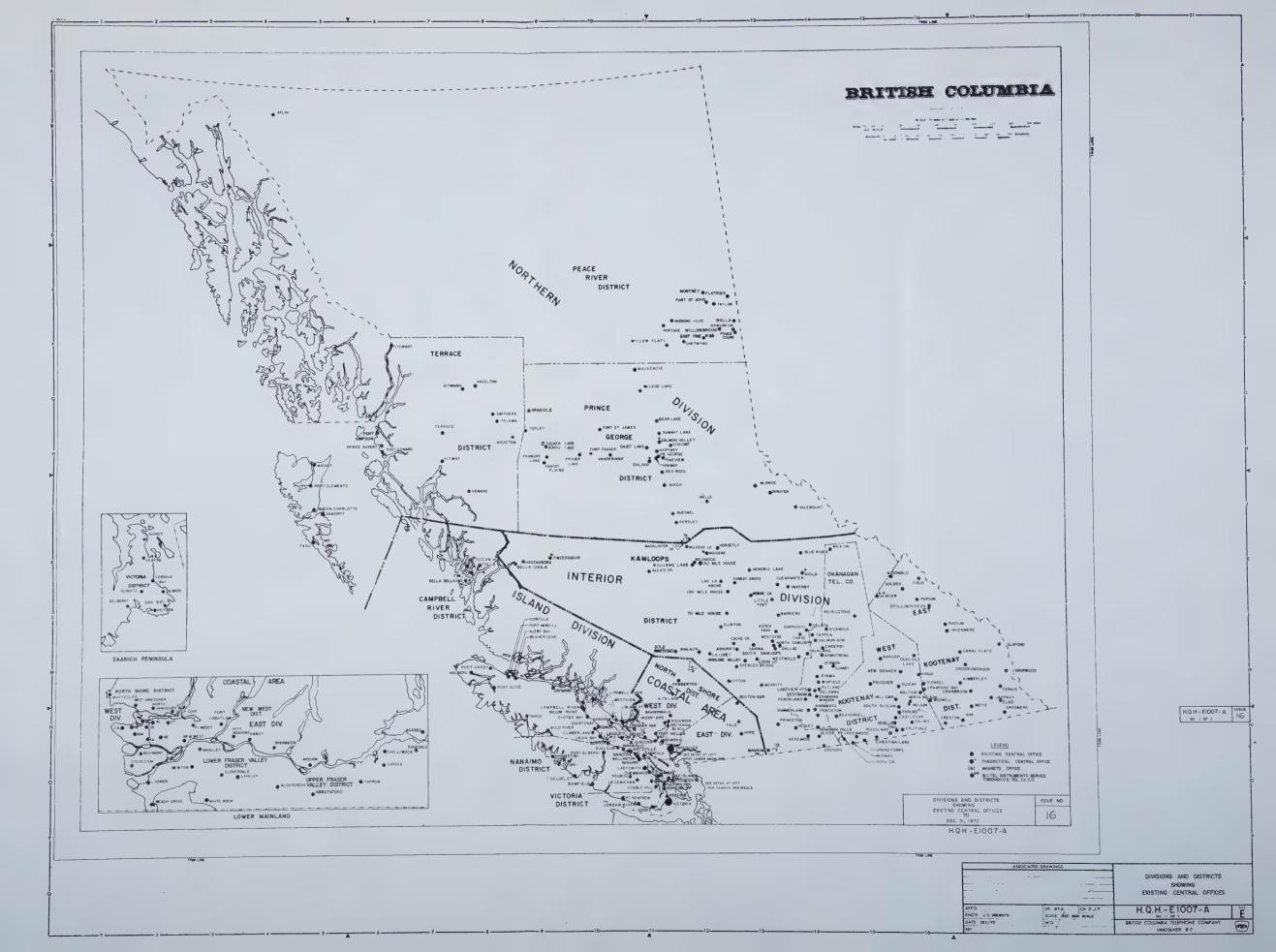
BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY SUPPLY, TRANSPORTATION AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

The Company maintains a central purchasing and warehousing operation at 6969 - 10th Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

On this 21-acre site are the Purchasing Department; a central stores depot that serves as the main supply warehouse for the whole Company; the Transportation Department which maintains all Company vehicles; and the Buildings Department whose responsibility is the maintenance of Company buildings. Here also are shops where used equipment is repaired and rehabilitated and new equipment is modified to meet special customer requirements.

	Telep	Telephone	
	Business	Home	
Supply, Transportation & Buildings Director:			
E.P. LaBelle	526-8611	683-3636	







History of Regulation

The British Columbia Telephone Company, in common with other utility companies in North America, operates under regulation by a government body.

Since B.C. Tel is incorporated as a federal company in Canada, it comes under the regulation of a federal agency, the Canadian Transport Commission, formerly known as the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada.

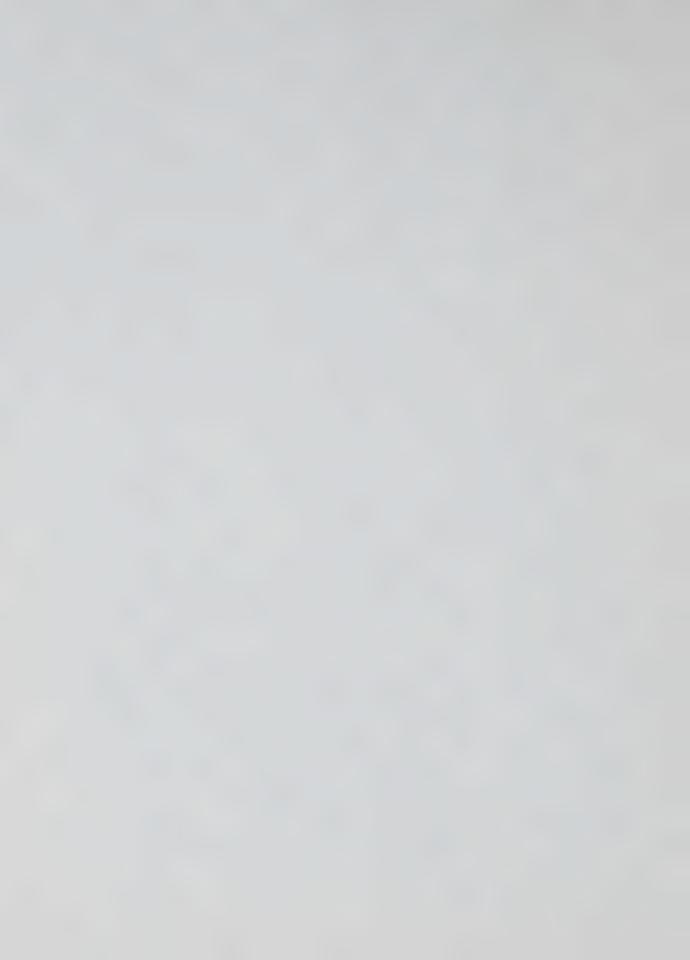
The Company reports regularly to the Commission on all matters relating to telephone rates, services and earnings and must obtain the Commission's approval for issue of share capital.

Since 1921, the Company has made five applications to the Board for general rate increases to produce the revenue necessary to meet approved operating costs and to provide a reasonable return on investment so that the Company could obtain additional funds for expansion and improvement in service.

The following outlines briefly the rate applications since 1921 and the results that have ensued. The appended table shows the effect the rate changes have had on exchange services in Vancouver and Victoria.

June 29, 1949 - On this date, B.C. Telephone Company filed the first application for an increase in rates since 1921. The request was for a general increase in exchange rates to produce additional exchange revenues of \$2,261,741 per year, amounting to an increase of 17 percent in gross revenues.

The Board, in an interim order issued May 31, 1950, following public hearings in Vancouver from January 10-23, 1950 and in Victoria on January 18, 1950, authorized an increase amounting to \$1,632,455 per year or an increase of 12.27 percent on gross revenues.



History of Regulation

On September 21, 1950, the Board's final judgment permitted introduction of a rate schedule which the Company estimated would produce an additional revenue of \$2,046,553 per year, or an increase of 15.39 percent of gross revenues. This represented 90.5 percent of what the Company had sought.

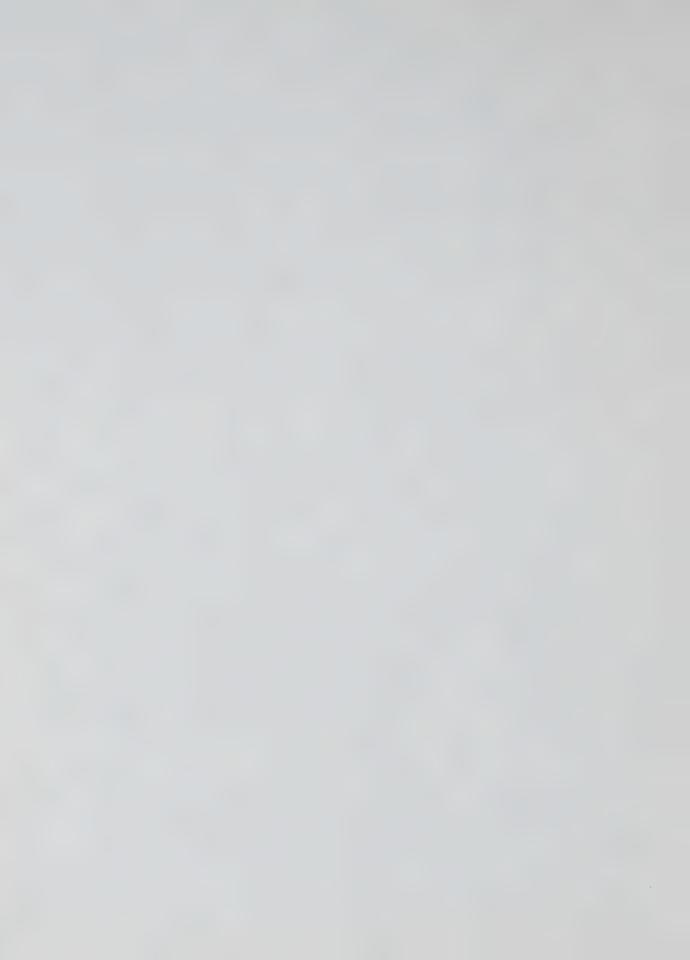
May 19, 1951 - The B.C. Telephone Company filed application for increases in exchange and toll rates to meet wage and tax cost increases amounting to \$2, 202, 527 a year.

It sought toll rate increases to produce additional revenue of \$661,425 annually, an increase of 12.42 percent, and exchange rate increases to produce additional revenue of \$1,535,201 annually, an increase of 11.38 percent. Together, the increases sought were for additional revenue of \$2,196,626 annually, an increase of 11,38 percent in gross revenues.

An interim order by the Board on July 6, 1951, granted the \$661,425 increase in toll revenues effective July 14, 1951 and an increase of \$1,202,914 in exchange revenues, or a total of \$1,863,339, representing 85.6 percent of the amount sought.

Subsequently, the Company filed two amendments to the application, the first on October 9, 1951, and the second on November 19, 1951, which requested additional increases in exchange rates to bring the total annual additional revenue from this source to \$1,858,888, or an increase of 14.26 percent in exchange revenues.

On January 8, 1952, the Board's final judgment confirmed the toll rate increase authorized in its interim order and authorized exchange rate schedules estimated to produce \$1,685,922 in additional annual exchange revenue, an increase of 12.88 percent. The total authorized increased rates were estimated to produce additional revenues of \$2,347,347 annually, or an increase of 12.16 percent in gross revenues.



October 22, 1952 - The B.C. Telephone Company filed application for an increase in exchange (including local coin telephone calls) and toll rates.

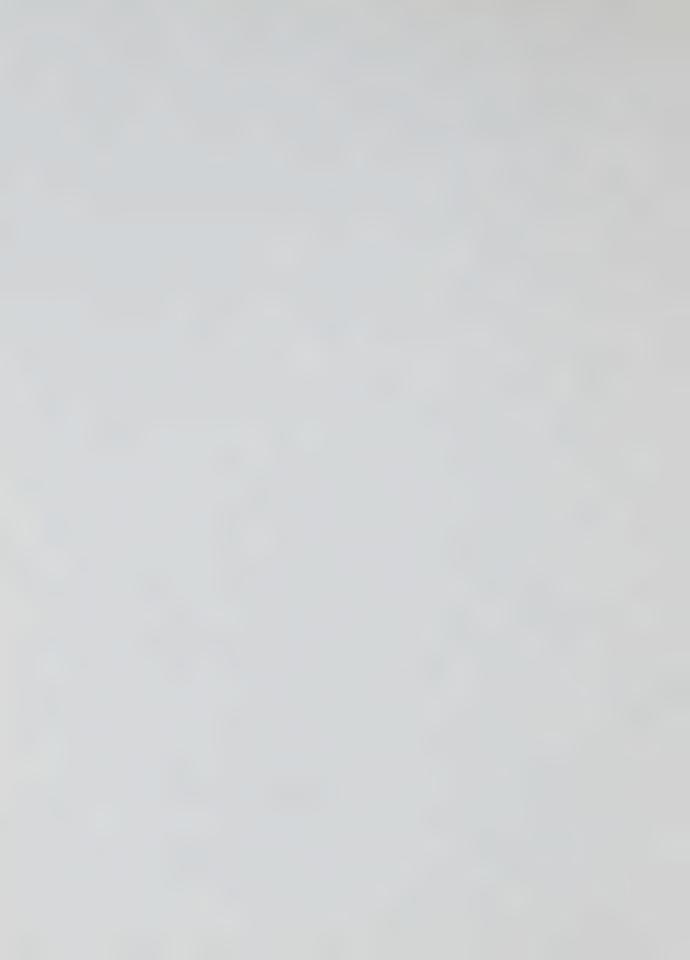
Rate schedules submitted represented an average increase of 12.2 percent in the toll items subject to increase, an increase to 10 from 5 cents in coin telephone local call rates, and exchange rate increases representing an average increase of 14.6 percent in the items subject to increase.

On November 24, 1952, at an interim hearing in Ottawa, the Company requested immediate relief in the amount of \$2,451,021 to cover wage and tax increases and to meet dividend and surplus requirements.

On December 4, 1952, the Board approved interim rates to be effective December 11, 1952. These granted in full the increases sought by the Company in rates and charges for the long distance toll message service, leased wire, coin telephone local calls, hotel local calls, excess measured calls, service connection and move and exchange charges, and approximately 35 percent of the proposed increase in exchange service rates. This represented 65 percent of the increased additional revenue sought by the Company.

On February 23, 1953, the Company submitted a revised additional revenue requirement figure of \$2,964,701. An estimated reduction in 1953 corporate income taxes reduced the revised request to \$2,609,482.

On March 24, 1953, the Board's final order confirmed the rates approved at the interim hearing and allowed increases in exchange rates which the Company estimated would result, in total, in additional revenues for 1953 of \$2,452,071, or 94 percent of its revised request. This represented a 9.95 percent increase in gross revenues.



April 2, 1958 - The B.C. Telephone Company filed an application for increases in exchange and toll rates and submitted rate schedules to produce \$1,513,961 annually in additional toll revenues, an increase of 10.11 percent, and \$4,945,632 annually in additional exchange revenues, an increase of 17.62 percent. Total additional annual revenues sought amounted to \$6,459,593, or an increase of 14.29 percent in total operating revenues.

On May 10, 1958, the Company filed notice of amendment to the application, decreasing the additional revenues required to \$3,996,000 from the \$6,459,593 in the original application. The decrease was required because the original application included an amount to cover future payment of deferred income tax which the federal cabinet subsequently ruled could not be included as a cost for rate-making purposes.

The Board's final judgment on the application was issued July 18, 1958 and disallowed 67.46 percent of the requested increase. The Company estimated the rates approved would produce additional revenues of \$1,318,324, or an increase of 2.97 percent in total operating revenues.

September 15, 1958 - The B.C. Telephone Company filed application for increases in exchange and toll rates to enable it to meet income tax payments on the basis of charging straight-line depreciation as an operating expense. The federal cabinet order had prohibited credits to a deferred tax reserve from being considered by the Board as an expense of the Company for rate-making purposes. The Company decided it was in the interests of the Company and its subscribers to pay taxes in full.

Schedules were submitted for increased toll and exchange rates to produce total additional revenues of \$5,753,842, an increase of 12.57 percent in total operating revenues.



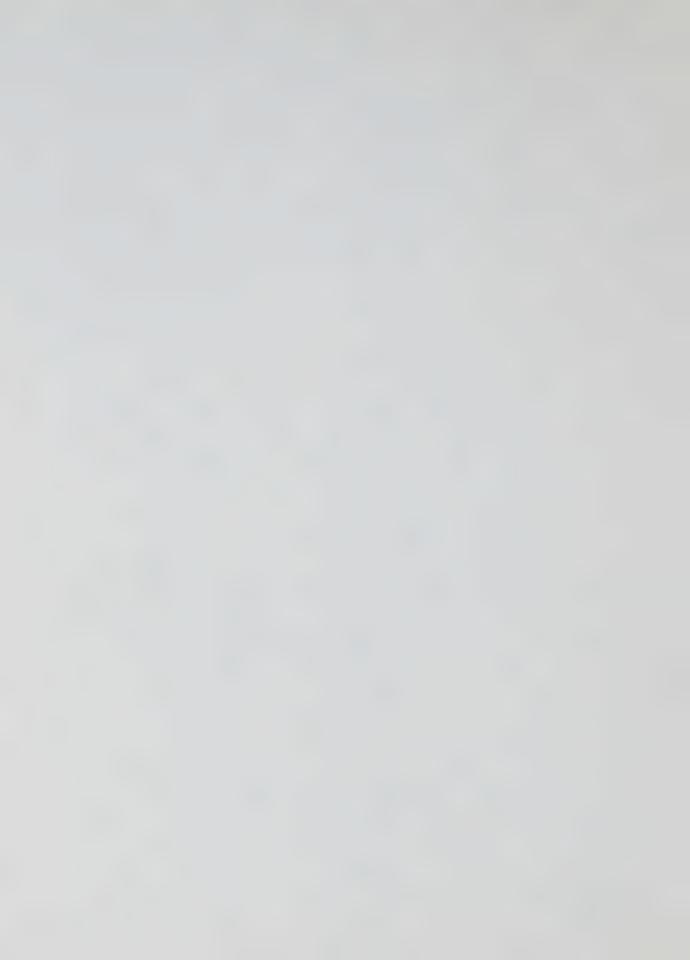
On December 24, 1958, the Board issued its final judgment approving rates that would produce additional annual revenue of \$5, 232, 247, or an increase of 11.43 percent in total operating revenue. This amounted to 90.93 percent of the Company request.

March 1, 1965 - The Board of Transport Commissioners initiated a public review of the Company, serving notice on this date that it would hold public hearings in Vancouver to examine the Company's capital investment, revenues and expenses, debt charges, dividend payments and retained earnings; the permissive level of the Company's earnings and the basis on which such permissive level may be authorized for telephone rate purposes. The Board stated: 'The Board does not intend at this time to enquire into the propriety of existing rates.''

The public hearing began in Vancouver, October 25, and lasted 14 sitting days, ending November 12, 1965.

The Company asked that the Board find that the Company's level of earnings at that time was fair and reasonable. The Company also asked the Board to express its measurement of the Company's earnings in terms of earnings related to total capital employed in the business. The Company adopted the contention of an independent witness appearing for the Company that in the circumstances existing at that time, a reasonable range of earnings would be between 6.5% and 7.25% of capital employed.

In its judgment handed down May 4, 1966, the Board found the Company's rates and earnings were just and reasonable. The Board also accepted the request that the Company's permissive level of earnings be expressed in terms of percentage of invested capital.



The Board set the level of permissive earnings at between 6.2% and 6.6% of average invested capital, with fractions of less than 0.05% to be dropped in the computation and fractions of 0.05% and higher to be raised up to the next tenth of one percent in the computation

The Board also stated that, "its findings in the circumstances and conditions of a particular time, including the probable future trend of those circumstances and conditions, are not necessarily applicable to future times when circumstances and conditions may be altogether different."

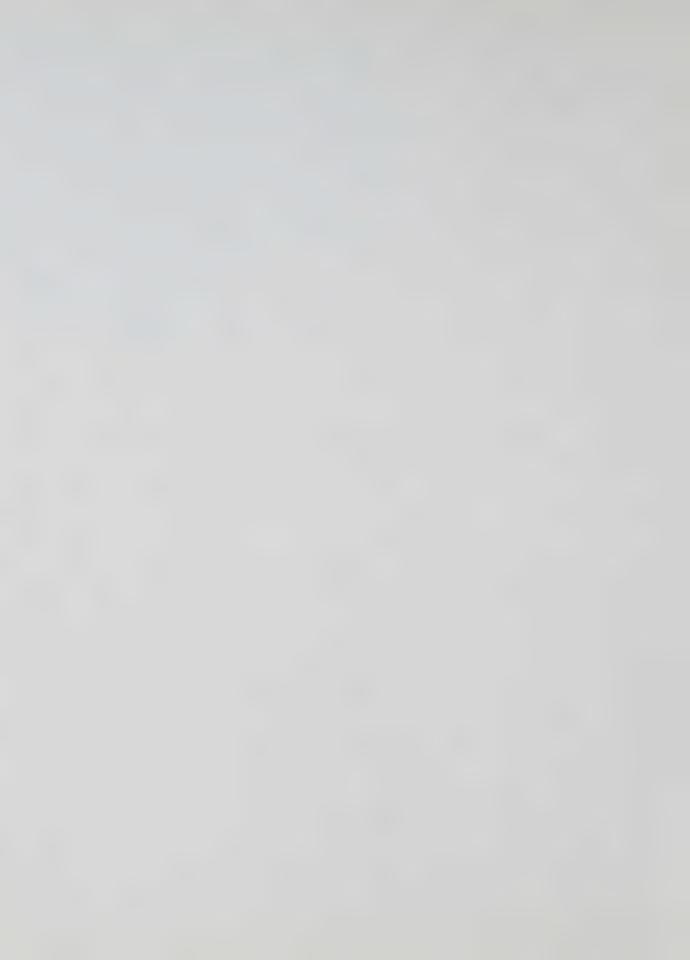
- January 22, 1969 Letter received from Railway Transport

 Committee advising Company that it has received

 Company's present rate of return and that, in view

 of changed conditions, it will not order a reduction
 in the Company's rate structure at this time.
- February 4, 1971 Application filed with Canadian Transport Commission for approval to file new tariffs which will increase charges for services.
- July 30, 1971 Commission approved new rates effective

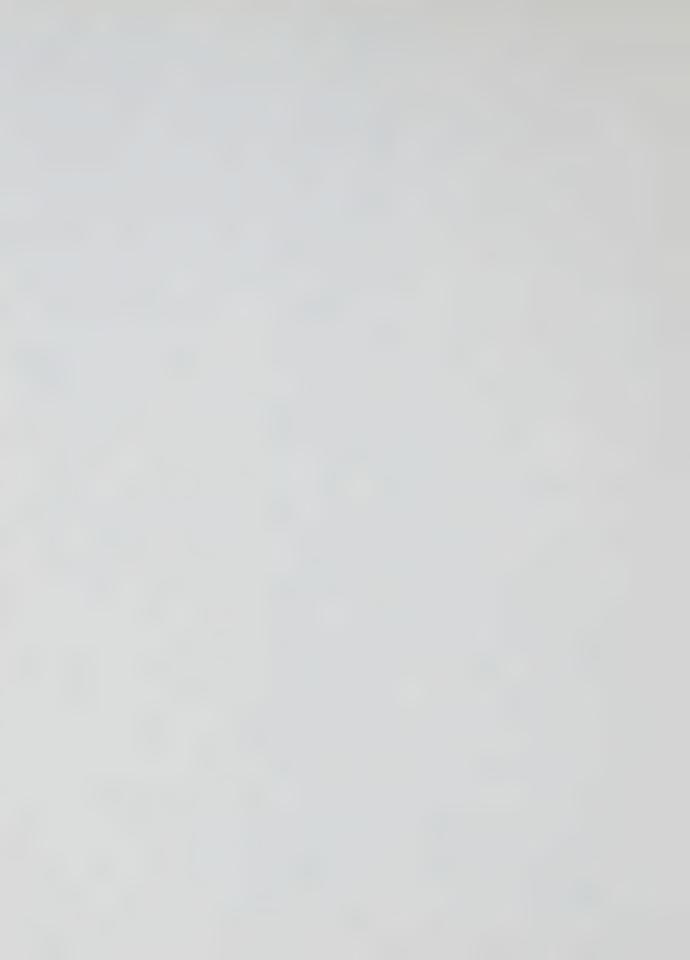
 September 1, 1971, which were estimated to represent an increase of 4.45% in total 1972 revenues. The increase to primary exchange service rates was 2.5%.



PROGRESSION OF TYPICAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE RATES

Vancouver Exchange

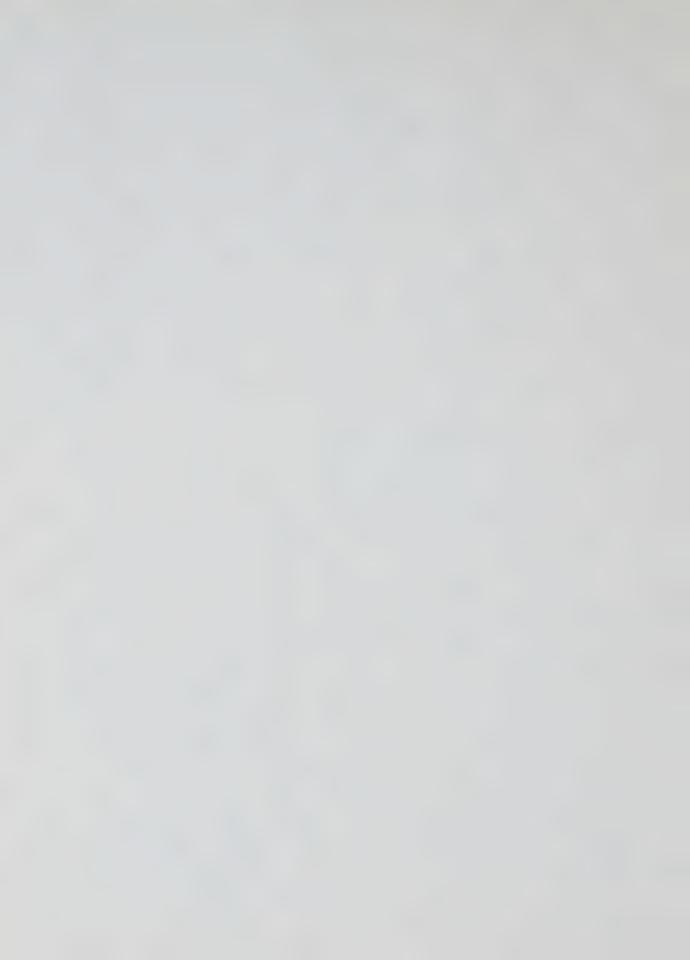
	Individual Business		Individual Residence		
<u>Date</u>	Basic Monthly Rate	Service Connect Charge	Basic Monthly Rate	Service Connect Charge	
1919, December 23	\$ 6.00	\$	\$ 3.00	\$	
1921, August 16	6.60	4.00	3. 30	3.00	
1937, November 1	7.50	4.00	3.30	3.00	
1950, June 10	9.75	4.00	4.20	3.00	
1950, October 6	10.25	4.00	4.40	3.00	
1951, July 14	11.25	4.40	4.85	3.30	
1952, January 14	11.70	4.55	5.00	3.40	
1952, December 11	12.40	5.30	5.20	3.95	
1953, April 1	13. 25	5.30	5.35	3. 95	
1958, September 8	13. 25	6.50	5.50	3.95	
1958, August 1	13.70	6.50	5.50	3.95	
1959, January 1	17. 10	6.50	6.25	4.50	
1961, May 1	17. 10	10.00	6.25	6.00	
1971, September 1	17.55	15.00	6.40	10.00	



PROGRESSION OF TYPICAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE RATES

Victoria Exchange

	Individual Business		Individual R	Individual Residence		
Date	Basic Monthly Rate	Service Connect Charge	Basic Monthly Rate	Service Connect Charge		
1919, December 23	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 3.00	\$		
1921, August 16	5.50	4.00	3.30	3.00		
1950, June 10	7.00	4.00	3.50	3.00		
1950, October 6	7.35	4.00	3.65	3.00		
1951, July 14	8.10	4.40	4.00	3.30		
1952, January 14	8.40	4.55	4.15	3.40		
1952, December 11	8.90	5.30	4.35	3.95		
1953, April 1	9.50	5.30	4.50	3.95		
1958, September 8	9.50	6.50	4.65	3.95		
1958, August 1	10.00	6.50	4.65	3.95		
1959, January 1	13.20	6.50	5.40	4.50		
1961, May 1	13.20	10.00	5.40	6.00		
1971, September 1	13.55	15.00	5.55	10.00		



Explanation of Rate Groups

Telephone rates in the British Columbia Telephone Company system now are based on the rating concept approved in 1958 by the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada (now known as the Canadian Transport Commission).

Monthly charges for local business and residence telephones are known as 'monthly exchange service rates' and these vary according to the number of telephones that can be reached without toll charge in the local free-calling area concerned.

The following pages set out the Exchange Rate Groups and the monthly Exchange Rates applied to each group.

Moves from one group to another are regulated. The Company must report to the Canadian Transport Commission on any exchange which outgrows its rate group by at least five percent. Where it is shown that the exchange will continue to have its total telephones remain above its existing rate group's upper limit, the Commission directs the Company to adjust the rates of the particular exchange to conform with the proper grouping. The same procedure applies should the total telephones in an exchange drop below the bottom station limit of the current grouping.

The common base is applied uniformly to exchanges of similar telephone development and rates are compatible with the scope of service offered.



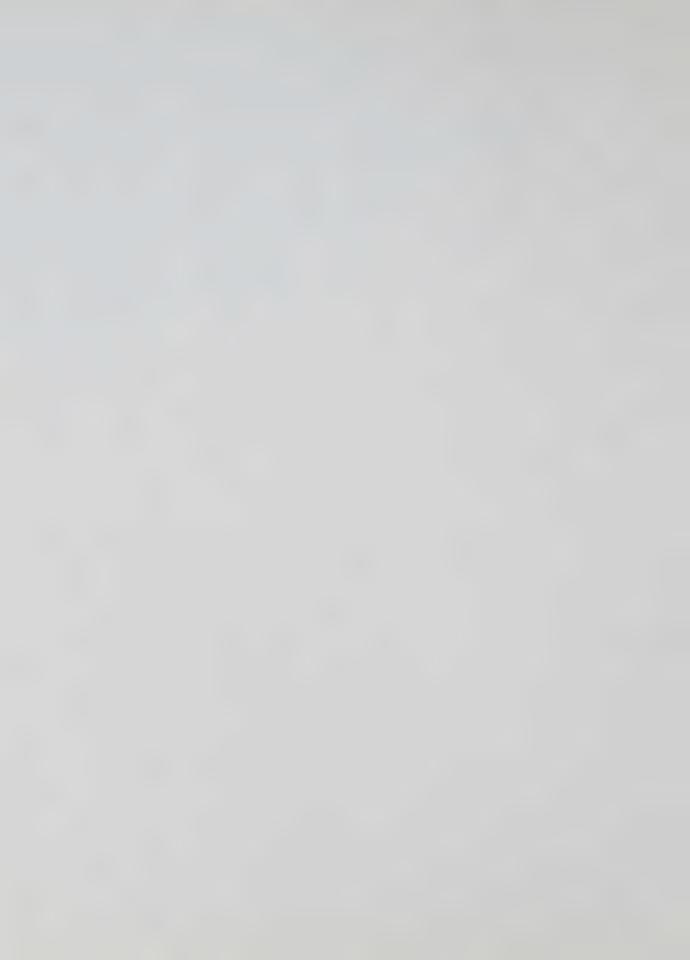
EXCHANGE RATE GROUPS

For the purpose of applying exchange service rates, exchanges are grouped according to the total number of stations in service, so that exchanges of similar station development are charged identical rates.

The station limits of the various rate groups are given below:

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Group	1	Exchanges without continuous service (See note)
Group	2	1 - 1,000 stations
Group	3	1,001 - 2,000 "
Group	4	2,001 - 5,000 "
Group	5	5,001 - 10,000 "
Group	6	10,001 - 20,000 "
Groun	7	20,001 - 50,000
Group	8(a)	Victoria and adjoining exchanges with Victoria Extended Area Service, except Sooke central office of Sooke exchange.
	` '	Other exchanges or central offices, excepting those with Vancouver Extended Area Service, that have stations in excess of 50,000.
Group	8A	Sooke central office of Sooke exchange.
Group	9	Vancouver Extended Area Service.
Group	V 4.3	Exchanges adjoining Group 9 exchanges that have Vancouver Extended Area Service.
Group		Exchanges (other than Group 9) adjoining Group 9A exchanges that have Vancouver Extended Area Service.
Group	9C	Exchanges other than Groups 9, 9A and 9B that have Vancouver Extended Area Service.

Note: When at the Company's discretion, continuous service is introduced in a Group 1 exchange, either under manual operation or by a conversion to automatic operation, Group 2 rates will become applicable.



EXCHANGE RATES

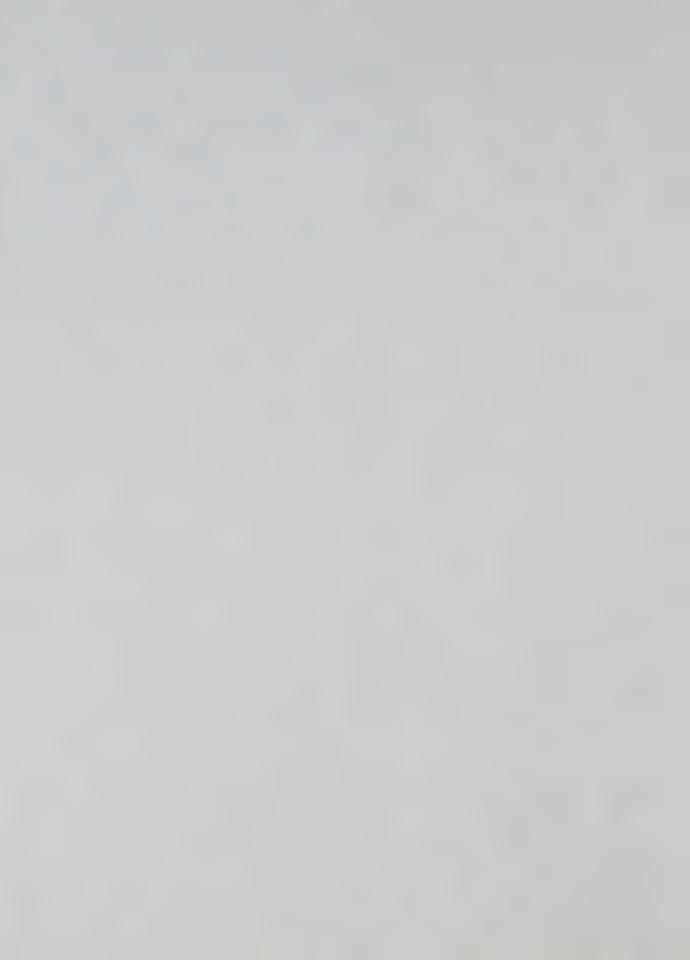
The following table specifies the monthly exchange rates which shall apply to each unit of main station service or private branch exchange trunk service in all rate groups. The rates for main station services include the provision of standard single-line telephones.

	BUSINESS SERVICES RESIDENCE SERVICES									
RATE INDIVIDUAL GROUP (SEE NOTE 1)	INDIVIDUAL	MEASURED	MULTI-	PBX TRUNKS		SEMI- PUBLIC			MULT!-	
		(SEE NOTES 1 & 2)	PARTY	1-WAY	2-WAY	(DAILY GUARANTEE)	INDIVIDUAL	TWO-PARTY	PARTY	
1	\$ 6.40	\$	\$ 3.90	\$ 8.15	\$ 9.55	\$.21	\$ 3.45	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.10	
2	6.90		4.40	8.65	10.05	.22	3.95	3.10	2.60	
3	7.80		4.80	9.75	11.30	.24	4.20	3.30	2.75	
4	8.70		5.20	10.85	12.65	.26	4.45	3.50	2.90	
5	9.80		5.65	12.25	14.20	.28	4.70	3.70	3.05	
6	11.00		6.10	13.80	16.00	.30	4.95	3.90	3.25	
7	12.30		6.60	15.40	17.85	.32	5.25	4.10	3.45	
8	13.55	8.10	7.10	16.90	19.75	.35	5.55	4.35	3.65	
8A	14.55	9.10	8.10	17.95	20.75	.38	6.05	4.85	4.15	
9	17.55	10.15	9.00	21.80	25.35	.42	6.40	5.00	4.25	
9A	18.55	11.15	10.00	22.80	26.40	.45	6.90	5.55	4.75	
9B	19.60	12.20	11.00	23.85	27.40	.48	7.45	6.05	5.25	
9C	21.55	14.15	13.00	25.80	29.35	.54	8.40	7.00	6.25	

Note 1: Where consecutive numbers are required for two or more individual flat rate or measured lines in connection with a single service, the following additional monthly charges are applicable to each line in the group:

Rate	Groups	1 - 4\$.60
Rate	Groups	5 - 7	.90
Rate	Groups	8-9C	l.15

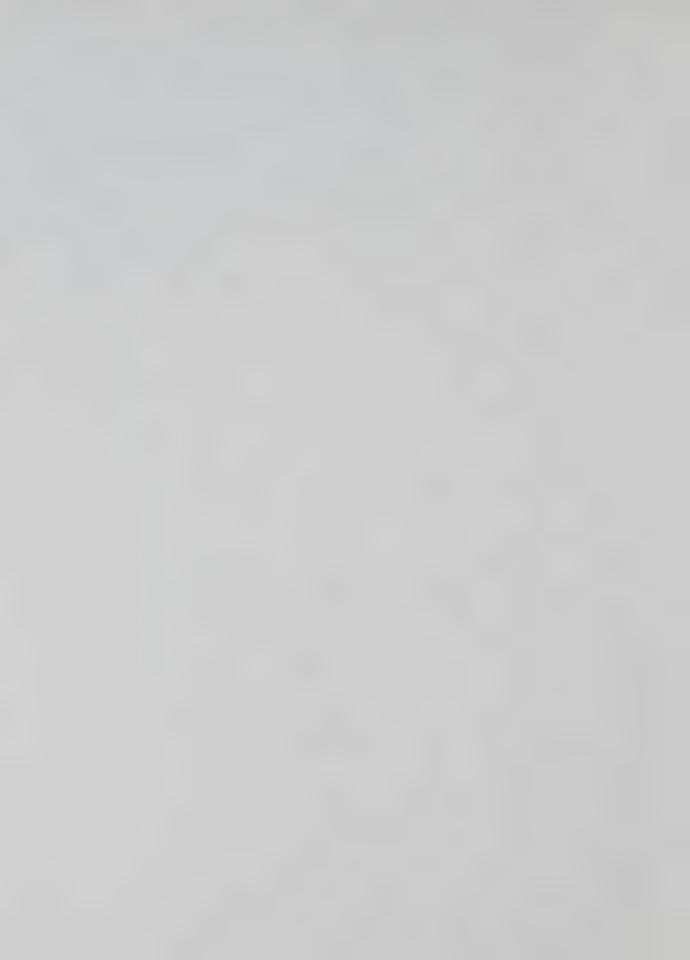
Note 2: The rates shown include 100 outgoing local calls for Groups 9, 9A, 9B and 9C services and 80 outgoing local calls for Group 8 and 8A services. Excess calls are charged at \$.06 each.



EXCHANGES

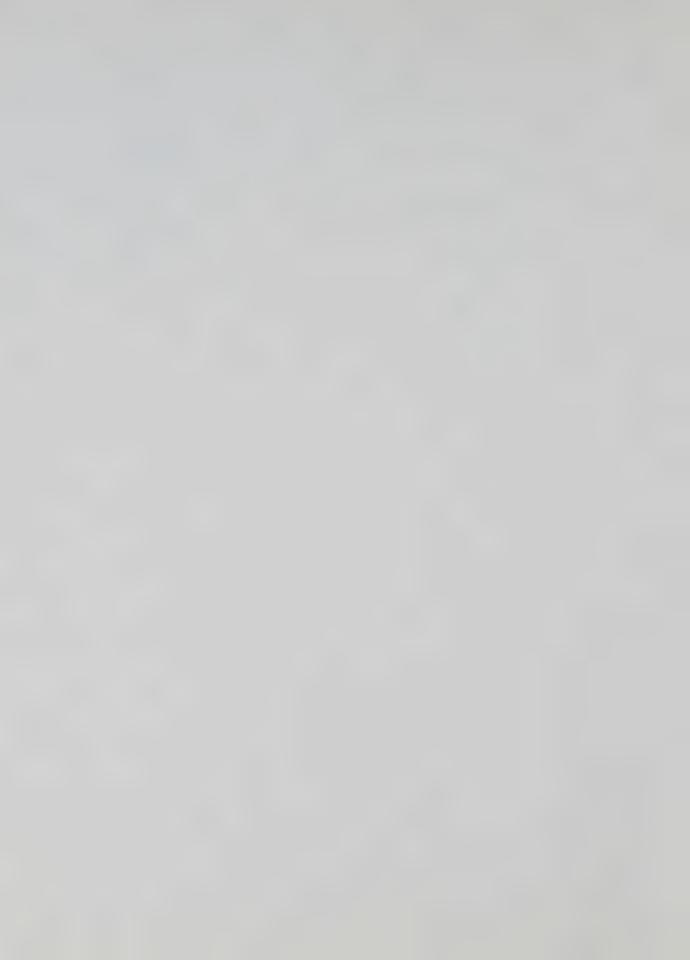
The Rate Group and Extended Service Area, if applicable, are shown below for each exchange. Free calling exists between the Exchange and the Extended Service Area.

	RATE EXTENDED		Scritce Hita.
EXCHANGE	GROUP SERVICE AREA	EXCHANGE	RATE EXTENDED GROUP SERVICE AREA
Abbotsford Agassiz	7 Aldergrove and Mission	Clinton	2
Ahousat		Cloverdale	
Aldergrove	1	Cloverdale	9C Langley, Newton, New
	7 Abbotsford and Langley		Westminster, Richmond
Alert Bay	3 Beaver Cove, Port McNeill	White Rock	and Vancouver
Alexis Creek	and Sointula	waite Rock	9B Ladner, Langley, Newton,
Alta Lake	2		New Westminster, Richmond and Vancouver
Ashcroft	2	Cobble Hill	5 Duncan
Atlin	3 Cache Creek	Cortez Island	2
Avola	2	Courtenay	6 Cumberland and Oyster Bay
WAOIS	2	Cranbrook	5
		Crawford Bay	2
Balfour	2	Creston	$\bar{4}$
Bamfield	2	Cumberland	
Barriere	2		6 Courtenay and Oyster Bay
Bear Lake	2	Dawson Creek	5 Pouce Coupe
Beaver Cove	3 Alert Bay, Port McNeill	Donald	2
	and Sointula	Duncan	6 Chemainus and Cobble Hill
Beaverdell	2	Duncan Lake	2
Bella Bella	2	Dunster	2
Bella Coola	2	T	
Blue River	2	East Pine	2
Boston Bar	2	Elkford	2
Boswell	2	Elko	4 Fernie
Bowen Island	2	Falkland	2 Westwold
Bowser	4 Parksville	Fauquier	2
Bridge Lake	2	Fernie	4 Elko
Britannia Beach	2	Field	2
Burns Lake	3	Flatrock	2
		Forest Grove	2
Cache Creek	3 Ashcroft	Fort Fraser	2
Campbell River	3 Asheroft 5	Fort St. James	2
Canal Flate	2	Fort St. John	5
Castlegar		Fraser Lake	2
Celista		Fruitvale	5 Trail
Chase	o on and borrend		11811
Chemainus	- Commercial Dollence	Gabriola Island	F 31 .
Chetwynd	6 Duncan and Ladysmith	Ganges	7 Nanaimo 3
Chief Lake	2	Gibsons	
Chilako	2	Giscome	with pecueit
Chilliwack	6	Gold Bridge	2
Christina Lake	2	Golden	
Clearwater	2	Gold River	4 2
CIONI WELL	•	Grand Forks	4
		Granisle	2
		Grassy Plains	2
		Grasmere	2
		Greenwood	
		Gulf Islands	2 Midway 2
		AGIL THIBLIUS	4



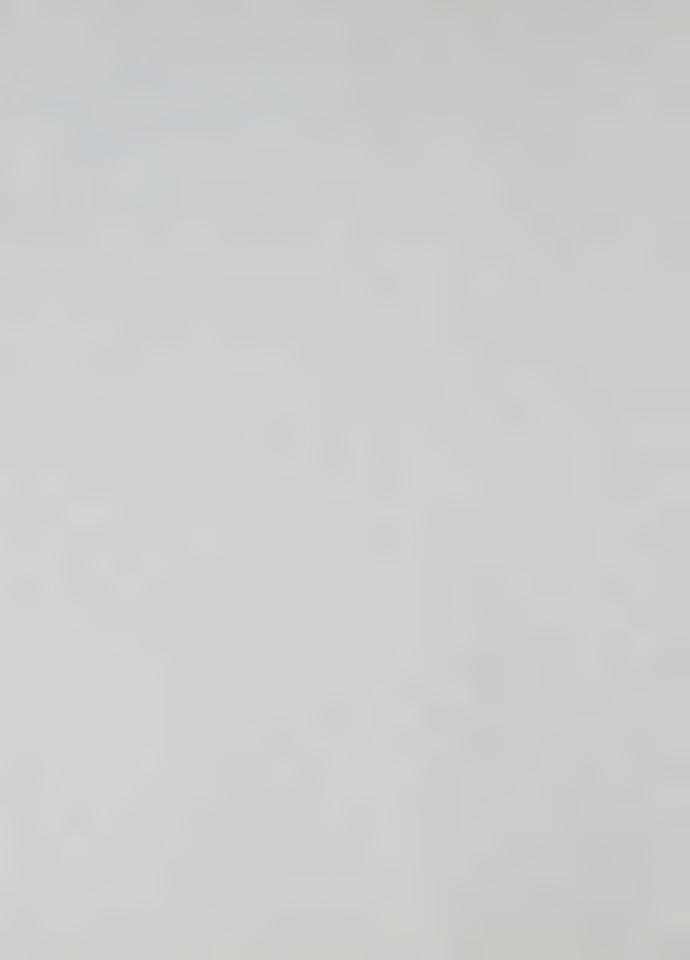
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	ATE EXTENDED OUP SERVICE AREA		ATE EXTENDED OUP SERVICE AREA
Haney Whonnock Hazelton	6 Mission 2 2	Nakusp Nauaimo	2 7 Gabriola Island and Ladysmith
Highland Valley Hixon Holberg Hope Horsefly Houston	2 2 2 2 4 Yale 2 2	Nelson New Denver Newton New Westminster	5 2 9A Cloverdale, Ladner, Langley, New Westminster, Rich- mond and Vancouver
Invermere	3 Radium	New Westminster	Cloverdale, Ladner, Langley, Newton, North Vancouver,
Kamloops	2 7 2		Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Vancouver and West Vancouver
Keremeos	2 2 5 Quesnel	Whalley	Cloverdale, Ladner, Langley, Newton, Port Moody, Rich- mond and Vancouver
Kimberley	4 5	North Vancouver	9 New Westminster central office of New Westmin- ster, Port Moody, Rich-
3	2		mond, Vancouver and West Vancouver
Ladner	2 9A Newton, New Westminster, Richmond, Vancouver and White Rock central office of Cloverdale 7 Chemainus and Nanaimo	Ocean Falls Oliver 100 Mile House Osoyoos Oyster Bay	2 4 Osoyoos 3 4 Oliver 6 Courtenay and Cumberland
	4 Youbou 9C Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Newton, New Westminster, Richmond and Vancouver	Parksville Parson Pemberton	4 Bowser 2 2
Lillooet Little Fort Logan Lake	2 2 2 2 2 2	Pender Harbour Port Alberni Port Alice Port Clements	2 2 2 9A New Westminster central office of New Westminster,
Mackenzie McLeese Lake McLeod Lake Manning Park Masset	2 3 2 2 2 2	Port Hardy Port McNeill	Port Moody and Vancouver Prince Rupert Alcrt Bay, Beaver Cove and Sointula Gibsons and Sechelt
Midway	Greenwood		
Mission	6 Abbotsford and Whonnock central office of Haney		
Moyie	2		



EXCHANGES (Continued)

EXCHANGE	RATE EXTENDED SERVICE AREA	EXCHANGE	RATE	
Port Moody	9 New Westminster, North Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, Richmond, Vancouver and West Vancouver	Stewart Summit Lake Tahsis	2 2 2	
Port Renfrew Pouce Coupe Powell River Prince George Princeton	2 5 Dawson Creek 5 Vananda 7	Tasu Telkwa Terrace Thrums	5	Smithers Castlegar, South Slocan and Vallican
Queen Charlotte Quesnel Radium		Tofino Topley Trail Tweedsmuir	2	Ucluelet Fruitvale and Rossland
Red Rock Richmond	9 Cloverdale, Ladner, Langley, Newton, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Port	Ucluelet Valemount Vallican	2 2 2	Tofino South Slocan and Thrums
Riondel Rock Creek	Moody, Vancouver and West Vancouver 2	Vananda Vancouver	5 9	Powell River Cloverdale, Ladner, Langley, Newton, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Port
Rossland Saanich Salmo	5 Trail 8 Victoria 2	Vanderhoof	3	Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond and West Vancouver
Salmon Valley Sandspit Savona	2 2 Queen Charlotte 2	Vavenby Victoria	2 8	Saanich and Sooke central office of Sooke
Sayward Sechelt 70 Mile House Shalalth Skookumchuck	2 4 Gibsons and Port Mellon 2 2 2	Wells West Vancouver	2 9	New Westminster central office of New Westminster, North Vancouver, Port Moody, Richmond and Vancouver
Slocan Smithers Sointula	4 Telkwa 3 Alert Bay, Beaver Cove and Port McNeill	Westwold Williams Lake Willow Flats Woodfibre	2 4 2 2	Falkland
Sooke Jordan River Sorrento South Slocan Sparwood	8A Victoria 3 3 Celista and Chase 2 Thrums and Vallican 3	Yahk Yale Youbou	2 3 4	Hope Lake Cowichan
Spences Bridge Spillimacheen Squamish				



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LONG DISTANCE RATES

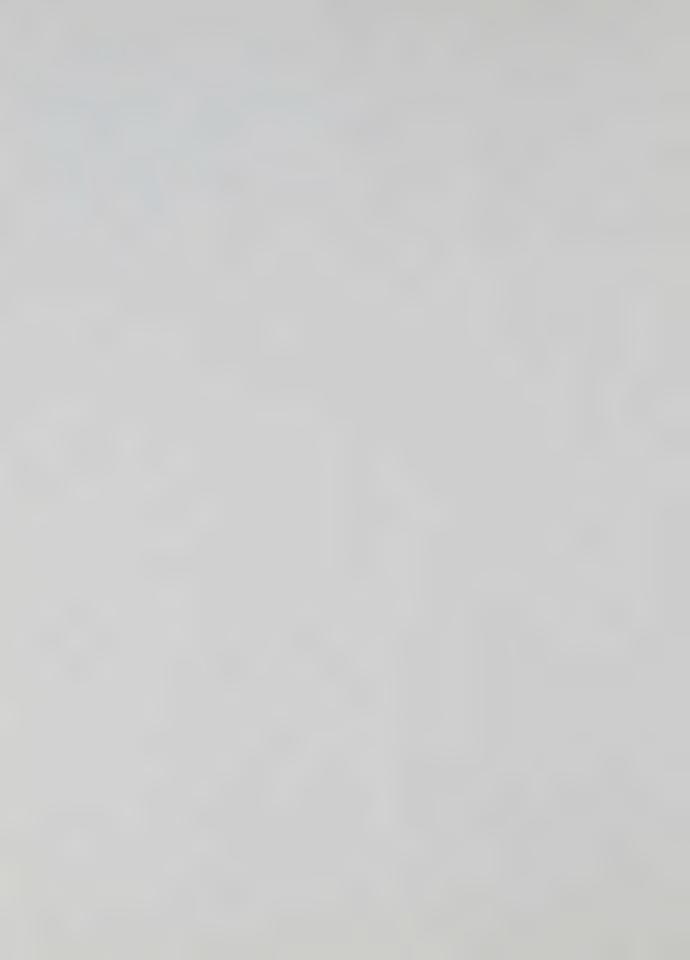
Rates for long distance calls carried throughout North

America are based on the class of call, time of day, duration of
call and the airline distance between the calling and called points.

If these factors are common then the same rate always applies to
calls between the same points, regardless of the direction of the
call. However, in certain cases, special surcharges and/or
government taxes apply to calls in one direction but not to those
in the other direction. The actual physical routing of long distance calls has no bearing on the rate charged to the customer.

Five long distance rate schedules plus overseas rate schedules apply to calls handled from British Columbia Telephone Company exchanges:

- 1. The British Columbia rate schedule applies to calls between points within British Columbia, except for calls involving centres along the Alaska Highway north of Fort St. John in which case (3) below applies.
- 2. The British Columbia Alberta schedule applies to calls between points in British Columbia and Alberta.
- 3. The Northwest rate schedule applies to calls between centres served by B.C. Telephone Company, Okanagan Telephone Company

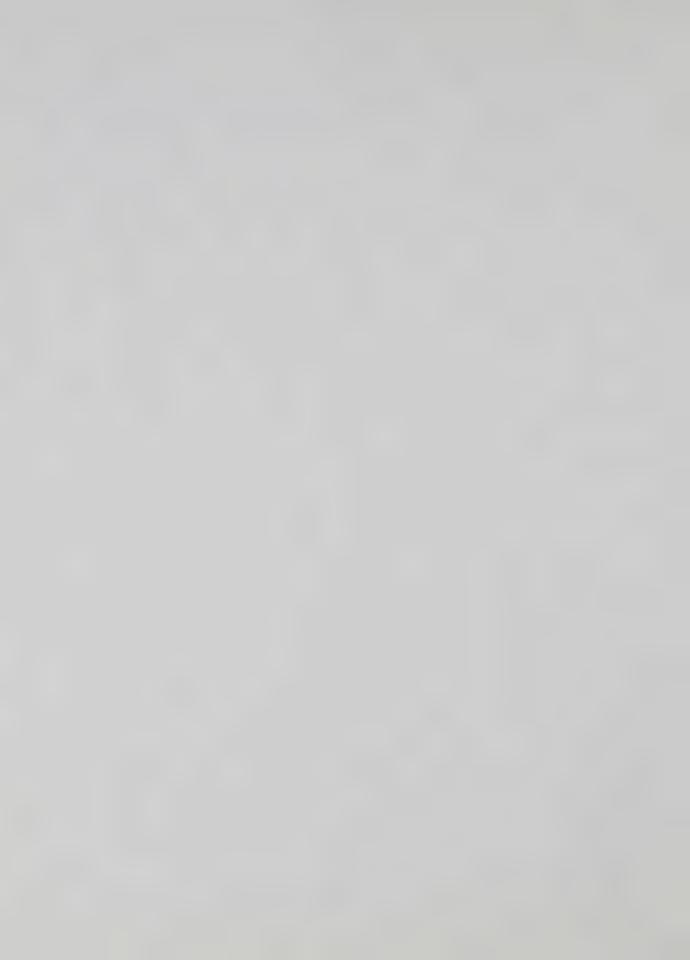


and Prince Rupert, and centres served by Canadian National
Telecommunications in B.C., Yukon and the District of Mackenzie,
Northwest Territories.

- 4. The Trans-Canada rate schedule (Trans-Canada Telephone
 System) applies to calls between British Columbia points and other
 Canadian centres situated east of Alberta.
- 5. The Canada United States rate schedule (American Telephone and Telegraph Company's Long Lines 2 rate schedule) applies on calls to the continental United States.

The Trans-Canada Telephone System which provides long distance message and other communications services coast to coast in Canada, is a combination of the eight principal telephone systems which furnish the bulk of the telephones operating in the ten provinces. Each telephone system assigns the facilities necessary to carry the nationwide messages through its particular territory.

Telephone calls destined to overseas countries are handled by circuits furnished by the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation, which interconnects with the Trans-Canada Telephone System at Vancouver and Montreal. In cases where COTC does not furnish service, certain countries may be reached via the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's connecting overseas carriers.

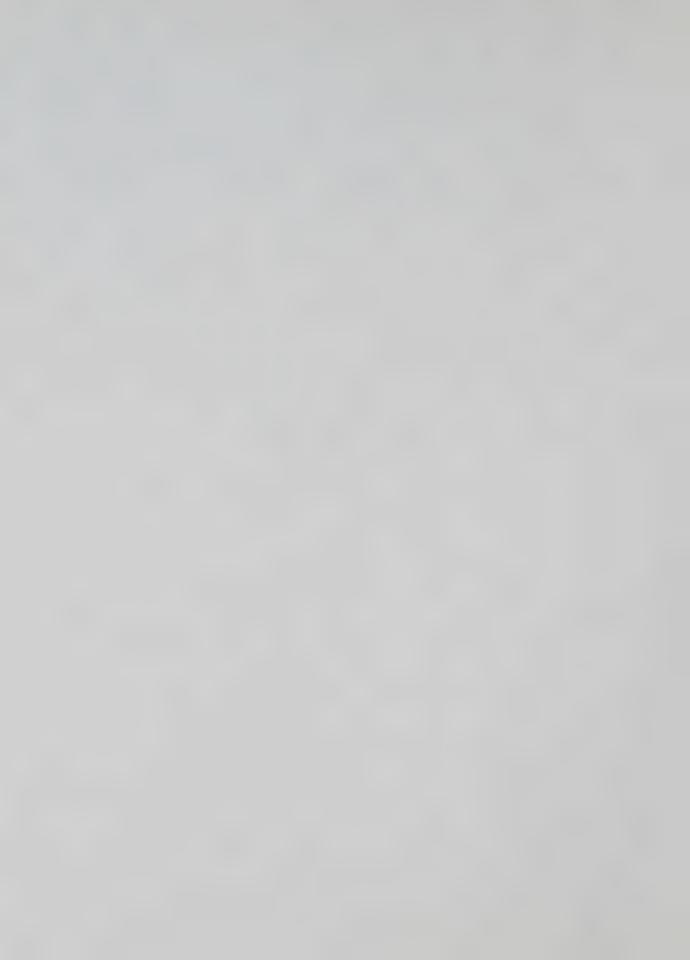


CAPITALIZATION

DECEMBER 31, 1972

The Company was incorporated by Special Act of Parliament of Canada: Special Act 6-7 George V (1916) Chapter 66 as amended by 4-5 George VI (1940-1941) Chapter 36, and by 11 George VI (1947) Chapter 86, and by 15 George VI (1951) Chapter 85, and by 6 Elizabeth II (1957-1958) Chapter 40, and by 8-9 Elizabeth II (1960) Chapter 66.

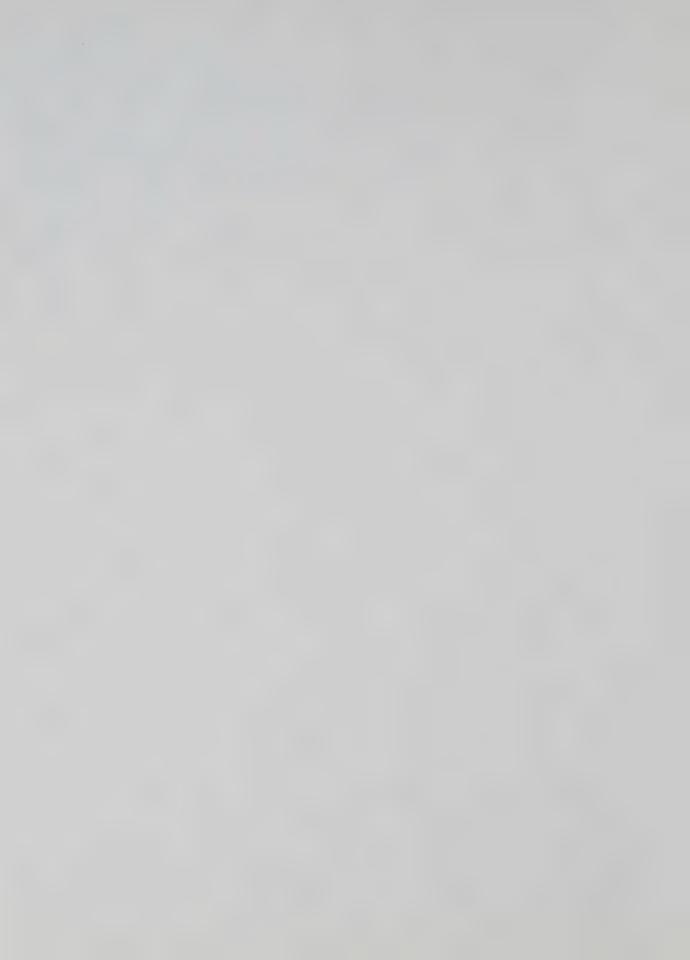
Authorized capital	\$250,000,000
Directors authorized by shareholders, Annual Meeting March 4, 1965, to issue capital, subject to approval of Board of Transport Commissioners, up to	\$250,000,000
Issued and outstanding:	
Preference and Preferred shares \$103,500,000 Ordinary Shares 80,915,625	184, 415, 625
Balance available for issue	\$ 65, 584, 375



CAPITAL STRUCTURE

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1972

Ordinary shares (3, 236, 625 at \$25.00)	\$ 80,915,625	12.0%
Premium on Ordinary shares	53,705,760	7.9
	134, 621, 385	19.9
Earnings retained	58,810,482	8.8
	193, 431, 867	28.7
Preference and Preferred shares	103, 500, 000	15.3
Minority interest in subsidiary	455, 362	1
Total Share Capital	297, 387, 229	44.1
Long term debt	377, 528, 875	55.9
Total Capital	\$ 674, 916, 104	100.0%



FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS AND CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING

DECEMBER 31, 1972

FIRST	MORT	GAGE	BONDS

of par value of \$25 each

of par value of \$25 each

each

7.04% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares

Ordinary shares outstanding of par value of \$25

4 3/4% Series E due October 1, 1975 5 % Series F due April 1, 1982 5 1/4% Series G due November 1, 1983 6 % Series H due September 15, 1984 5 3/4% Series I due August 1, 1985 5 3/4% Series J due July 15, 1986 5 5/8% Series K due April 15, 1988 6 3/4% Series L due October 15, 1989 6 3/8% Series M due March 15, 1991 9 1/8% Series N due April 1, 1990 (1) 9 5/8% Series O due November 15, 1992 9 1/8% Series P due November 15, 1992 (2) 8 1/4% Series Q due March 1, 1994 7 1/2% Series R due November 15, 1978 7 7/8% Series S due November 15, 1995 8 5/8% Series T due October 15, 1993		\$ 7,000,000 25,000,000 20,000,000 15,000,000 15,000,000 20,000,000 30,000,000 30,000,000 30,000,000 12,000,000 12,000,000 10,000,000 25,000,000 40,000,000	
8 1/8% Series U due November 1, 1996 (\$20 million U.S	5. funds)	19,809,378 371,809,375	
Okanagan Telephone Company General Mortgage Sinking Fund Bonds due 1975 to 1986 at interest rates of 5% to 6	1/2%	5,719,500	\$ 377,528,875
(1) With right of prepayment at holder's option; April 15,(2) With right of prepayment at holder's option; November	1975 r 15, 1976		
CAPITAL STOCK			
Preference and preferred shares outstanding:			
6 % Cumulative preference shares of par value of \$100 each	10,000 shares	\$ 1,000,000	
6 % Cumulative preferred shares of par value of \$100 each	45,000 shares	4,500,000	
4 3/4% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares of par value of \$100 each	75,000 shares	7,500,000	
4 3/4% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares of par value of \$100 each (Series 1956)	75,000 shares	7,500,000	
4 1/2% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares of par value of \$100 each	50,000 shares	5,000,000	
4 3/8% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares	60,000 shares	6,000,000	
of par value of \$100 each $5\ 3/4\%$ Cumulative redeemable preferred shares	,		
of par value of \$100 each 5.15% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares	100,000 shares	10,000,000	
of par value of \$100 each 4.84% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares	120,000 shares	12,000,000	
of par value of \$25 each	800,000 shares	20,000,000	
6.80% Cumulative redeemable preferred shares	400 000 shares	10 000 000	

400,000 shares

800,000 shares

3,236,625 shares

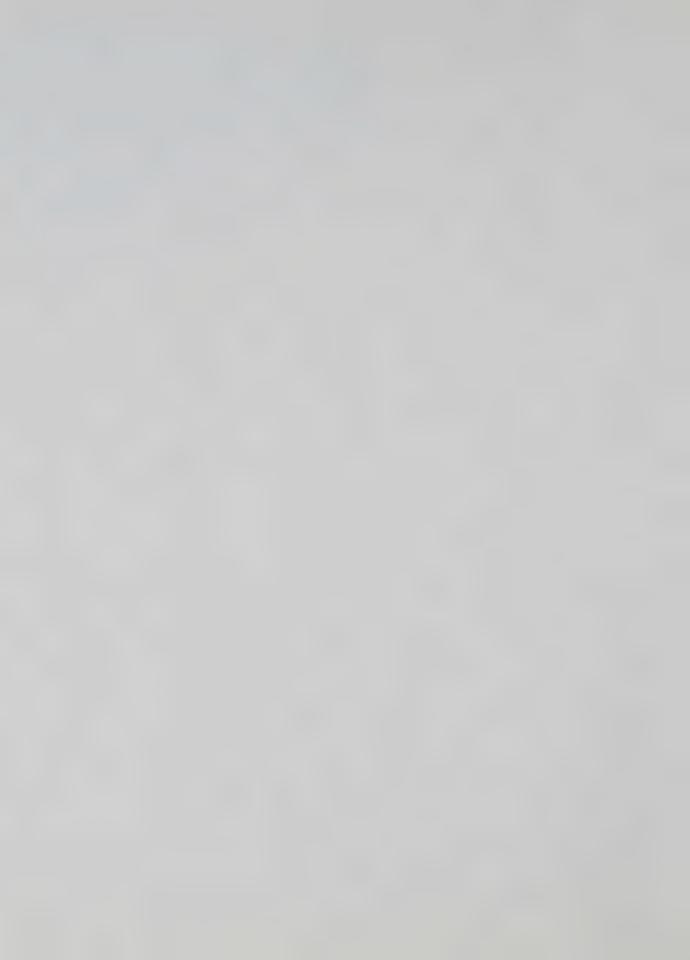
10,000,000

20,000,000

80,915,625

\$ 184, 415, 625 \$ 561, 944, 500

\$ 103,500,000



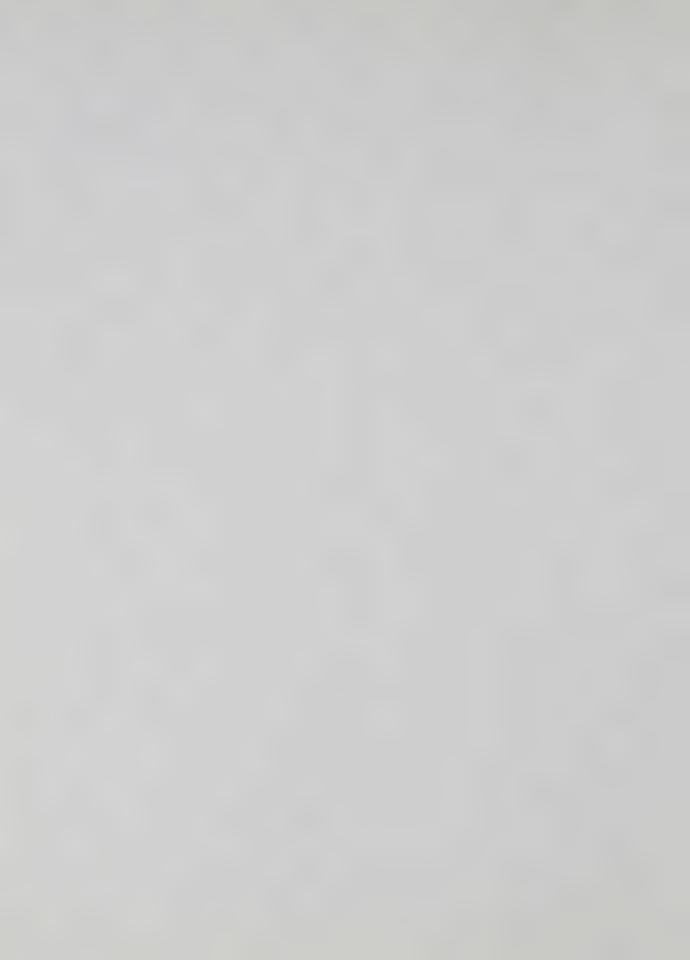
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

SUMMARY OF MATURITIES

Series	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Amount	Annual Interest
E	4 3/4%	October 1, 1975	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 332,500
F	5 %	April 1, 1982	25,000,000	1,250,000
G	5 1/4%	November 1, 1983	20,000,000	1,050,000
H	6 %	September 15, 1984	15,000,000	900,000
I	5 3/4%	August 1, 1985	15,000,000	862,500
J	5 3/4%	July 15, 1986	20,000,000	1, 150, 000
K	5 5/8%	April 15, 1988	20,000,000	1, 125, 000
L	6 3/4%	October 15, 1989	30,000,000	2,025,000
M	6 3/8%	March 15, 1991	30,000,000	1,912,500
N	9 1/8%	April 1, 1990	30,000,000	2,737,500
0	9 5/8%	November 15, 1992	18,000,000	1,732,500
P	9 1/8%	November 15, 1992	12,000,000	1,095,000
Q	8 1/4%	March 1, 1994	35,000,000	2,887,500
R	7 1/2%	November 15, 1978	10,000,000	750,000
S	7 7/8%	November 15, 1995	25,000,000	1,968,750
T	8 5/8%	October 15, 1993	40,000,000	3, 450, 000
U (1)	8 1/8%	November 1, 1996	19,809,375	1,609,512
Average	7.22%		\$ 371,809,375	\$26, 838, 262
Okanagan Telephone Company				
B-H incl.	5%-6 1/2%		5,719,500	345,960
Average	7.20%	9	377, 528, 875	\$27, 184, 222

(1) \$20,000,000 issue in U.S. funds.

December 31, 1972



ORDINARY SHARE ISSUES

Date of Issue	Par Value	"Rights"	Number Issued	Issue Price	Proceeds (1)	Total Shares Outstanding
May 1927	\$ 100					45,000
June 1948	100	1 for 3	15,000	\$125.00 \$	1,875,000	60,000
Nov. 1950	100	Underwriters	20,000	132.50	2,650,000	80,000
Apr. 1951	100	1 for 2	40,000	132.50	5,300,000	120,000
July 1951	Par	value changed	from \$100	to \$25. Sl	nares exchanged	l
	4	for 1				480,000
Apr. 1953	25	1 for 3	160,000	29.00	4,640,000	640,000
Apr. 1954	2 5	1 for 4	160,000	31.50	5,040,000	800,000
Jan. 1956	25	1 for 4	200,000	40.50	8, 100, 000	1,000,000
Sept. 1956	25	1 for 5	200,000	38.00	7,609,604	1,200,000
Jan. 1959	25	1 for 4	300,000	34.00	10, 214, 679	1,500,000
Aug. 1960	25	(2)	144,000	40.62	5,850,000	1,644,000
Mar. 1961	25	1 for 6	274,000	38.00	10, 421, 765	1,918,000
Aug. 1962	25	1 for 5	383,600	38.00	14, 587, 936	2,301,600
Sept. 1965	25	1 for 8	287,700	57.00	16, 415, 156	2,589,300
Feb. 1969	25	1 for 9	287,700	60.00	17, 269, 109	2,877,000
Sept. 1971	25	1 for 8	359,625	56.00	20, 148, 136	3, 236, 625

- (1) In some cases the proceeds are greater than the issue price times the number of shares issued. This is the result of selling the few shares not taken up by 'rights' at a higher price.
- (2) Issued in exchange for all of the outstanding ordinary shares of North-west Telephone Company.



ORDINARY SHARES - MARKET PRICE

Shares listed for trading:

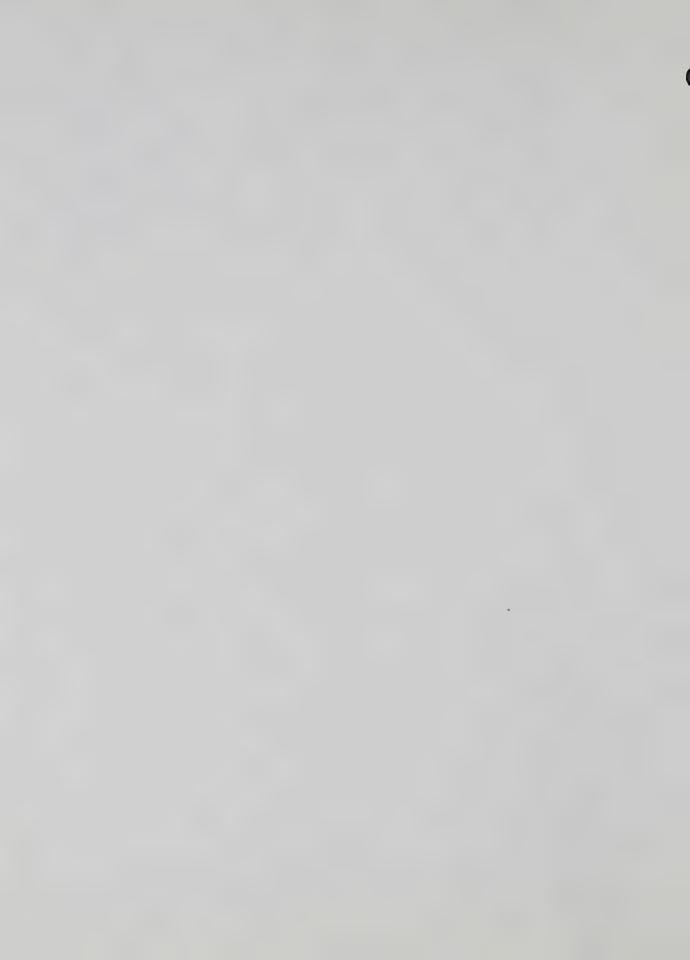
Vancouver Stock Exc Montreal Stock Exch Toronto Stock Excha	November November August 9,	20, 1951	
Year	High	Low	Close
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969	34-1/4 35 36-1/2 45 50-1/8 52 47 44-3/8 47-3/8 47-1/8 52-1/2 56-3/8 57-3/4 68 72 77-1/4 69-7/8 71 75 72	35-1/4 43-1/2 43 37-1/4 39-3/4 39-1/2 42 45 45 52 54-1/2 63-1/2 53 53-1/8 52-1/2 62-1/4 55	33-1/2 35-7/8 44-1/2 50 46 38-1/8 43 42-1/2 47-1/8 50-7/8 51 57-1/2 66 66-1/2 62-1/2 53-1/8 69 72 64
1972	69-1/2 $67-1/2$		$65 \\ 56-1/2$



ORDINARY SHARE EARNINGS

	Year	Earnings Available for Ordinary Shares(2)	Average Number of Ordinary Shares Outstanding (1)	Earnings per Average Ordinary Share (2)
	1945	\$ 259,003	180,000	\$ 1.44
	1946	386, 544	180,000	2. 15
	1947	388,708	180,000	2. 16
	1948	387, 872	210,000	1.85
	1949	82, 143	240,000	. 34
	1950	479, 137	260,000	1.84
	1951	844, 108	440,000	1.92
	1952	1,027,794	480,000	2.14
	1953	1,818,463	600,000	3.03
	1954	2, 169, 309	760,000	2.85
	1955	2,627,068	800,000	3.28
	1956	3, 345, 814	1,050,000	3. 27
	1957	3, 145, 108	1,200,000	2.62
	1958	2,068,071	1,200,000	1.72
	1959	4, 567, 300	1,500,000	3.04
	1960	4, 578, 147	1,572,000	2.91
	1961	5, 937, 903	1,849,500	3.21
	1962	6,628,186	2,013,900	3.29
	1963	7,609,738	2, 301, 600	3.31
	1964	8, 455, 655	2, 301, 600	3. 67
	1965	9,880,115	2, 373, 525	4. 16
	1966	11, 144, 318	2,589,300	4. 30
	1967	11,617,610	2,589,300	4. 49
(3)	1968	12,613,750	2,589,300	4. 87
	1969	14, 464, 479	2,805,075	5. 16
	1970	14, 418, 485	2,877,000	5.01
	1971	15, 818, 315	2,966,906	5. 33
	1972	19,761,668	3, 236, 625	6. 11
	(1)	Years 1945 - 1950 1951.	adjusted for stock split	of 4 for 1 in
	(2)	The Earnings of Okincluded commence	kanagan Telephone Comping 1967.	pany have been
	(3)		ears 1968 - 1971 have b	
		of overlaveous	in accounting for accru	ed vacation pay

of employees.



ORDINARY SHARE DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Year	Ordinary Dividend Per Share (1)	Total Ordinary Dividends
1945	\$2.00	\$ 360,000
1946	2.00	360,000
1947	2.00	360,000
1948	2.00	420,000
1949	2.00	480,000
1950	2.00	520,000
1951	2.00	880,000
1952	2.00	960,000
1953	2.00	1,200,000
1954	2.00	1,520,000
1955	2.00	1,600,000
1956	2.00	2, 100, 000
1957	2.00	2,400,000
1958	2.00	2,400,000
1959	2.05	3,075,000
1960	2.20	3,458,400
1961	2.20	4,068,900
1962	2.20	4,430,580
1963	2.30	5, 293, 680
1964	2.40	5, 523, 840
1965	2.40	5,696,460
1966	2.40	6, 214, 320
1967	2. 55	6,602,715
1968	2.70	6,991,110
1969	3.00	8, 415, 225
1970	3.05	8,774,850
1971	3. 20	9, 494, 100
1972	3. 20	10, 357, 200

⁽¹⁾ Years 1945-1950 adjusted for stock split of 4 for 1 in 1951.



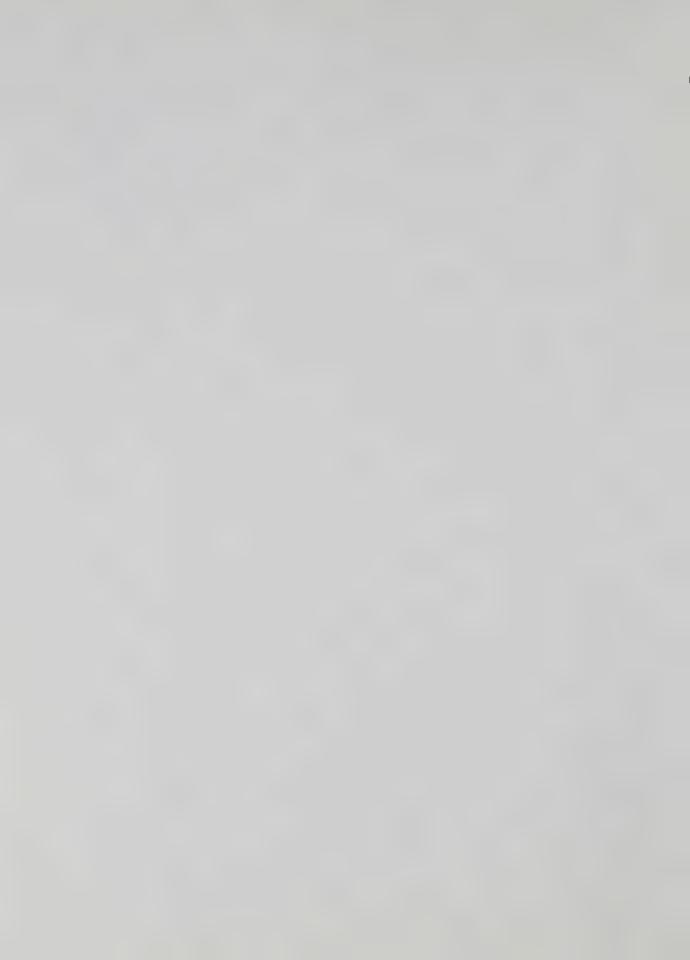
GROSS REVENUES

(Uncollectible deducted from Miscellaneous)

Year	Local Service	Toll Service	Miscellaneous	Total
1945 1946 1947 1948	\$	\$	\$	\$ 8,723,801 9,628,300 10,960,576 12,072,422
1949	9,068,486	3,899,400	537,225	13,505,111
1950	10,735,641	4,566,039	705,398	16,007,078
1951	13,137,842	5,672,370	743,092	19,553,304
1952 1953	15, 270, 490 18, 034, 945	6, 597, 826 7, 726, 253	805,737 983,016	22, 674, 053 26, 744, 214 29, 592, 106
1954 1955 1956	19, 598, 472 21, 249, 905 23, 505, 410	8,854,805 10,363,764 12,009,504	1, 138, 829 1, 371, 695 1, 653, 043	32, 985, 364 37, 167, 957
1957	25,789,123	13,560,965	1,973,241	41, 323, 329
1958	28,098,477	14,678,462	2,099,654	44, 876, 593
1959	35,152,890	17,322,785	2,391,507	54, 867, 182
1960	37, 217, 693	18, 970, 192	2,654,829	58,842,714
1961	40, 826, 116	23, 685, 017	2,860,909	67,372,042
* 1962	43, 578, 500	26, 524, 167	1,532,540	71,635,207
1963	45,821,729	29, 674, 041	1, 895, 759	77, 391, 529
1964	49,291,594	35, 987, 120	2, 195, 918	87, 474, 632
1965	53, 906, 008	43, 561, 067	2,233,438	99,700,513
1966	59, 278, 966	50, 746, 437	2,501,360	112,526,763
** 1967	67, 410, 124	56, 552, 044	2,865,748	126,827,916
1968	72, 640, 898	63, 391, 164	3, 357, 287	139, 389, 349
1969	78, 362, 989	74, 968, 593	4, 712, 199	158, 043, 781
1970	85, 447, 867	84, 906, 382	4, 516, 042	174, 870, 291
1971	93, 444, 149	100, 044, 418	6, 403, 491	199, 892, 058
1972	106, 289, 369	114, 741, 633	6, 733, 670	227, 764, 672

^{*} Commencing in 1962 the cost of publishing the directory is offset against the advertising revenues generated by the directory.

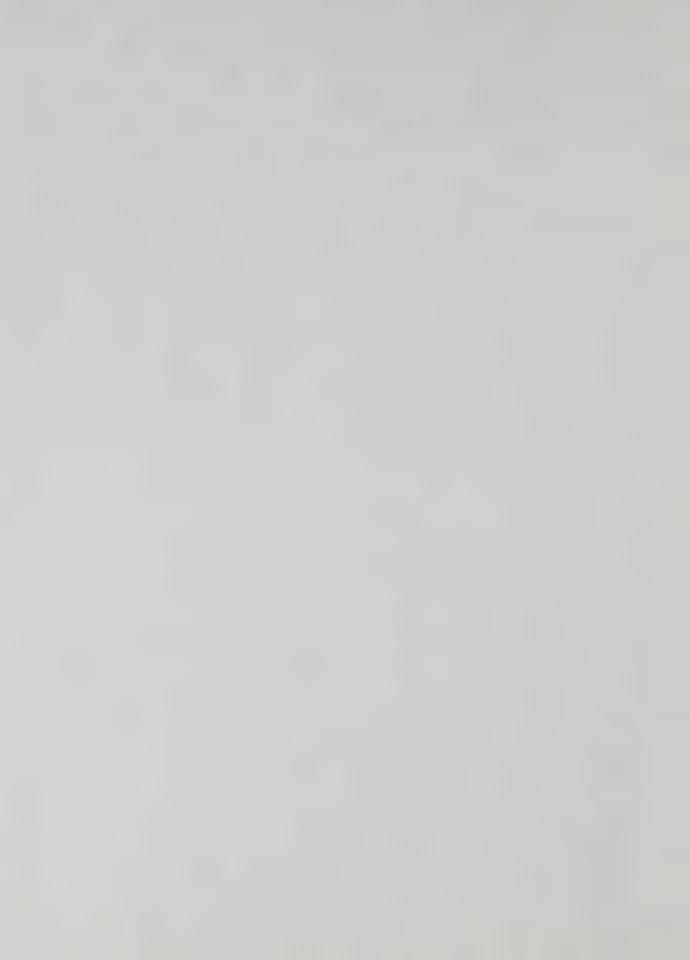
^{**} The Earnings of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.



REVENUE SOURCE BY PERCENTAGE

Year	Local Service	Toll Service	Miscellaneous	Total	Regulated	Non- Regulated
1945	%	%	%	%	%	%
1946					.0	, 0
1947						
1948						
1949	67	29	4	100		
1950	65	31	4	100	95	5
1951	67	29	4	100	95	5
1952	67	29	4	100	95	5 5
1953	67	29	4	100	95	5
1954	66	30	4	100	94	6
1955	65	31	4	100	94	6
1956	63	32	5	100	93	7
1957	62	33	5	100	92	8
1958	63	32	5	100	91	9
1959	64	32	4	100	92	8
1960	63	32	5	100	91	9
1961	61	35	4	100	90	10
1962	61	37	2	100	90	10
1963	59	38	3	100	88	12
1964	56	41	3	100	88	12
1965	54	44	2	100	88	12
1966	53	45	2	100	88	12
1967	53	45	2	100	88	12
1968	52	46	2	100	88	12
1969	50	47	3	100	88	12
* 1970	49	48	3	100	90	10
1971	47	50	3	100	94	6
1972	47	50	3	100	94	6

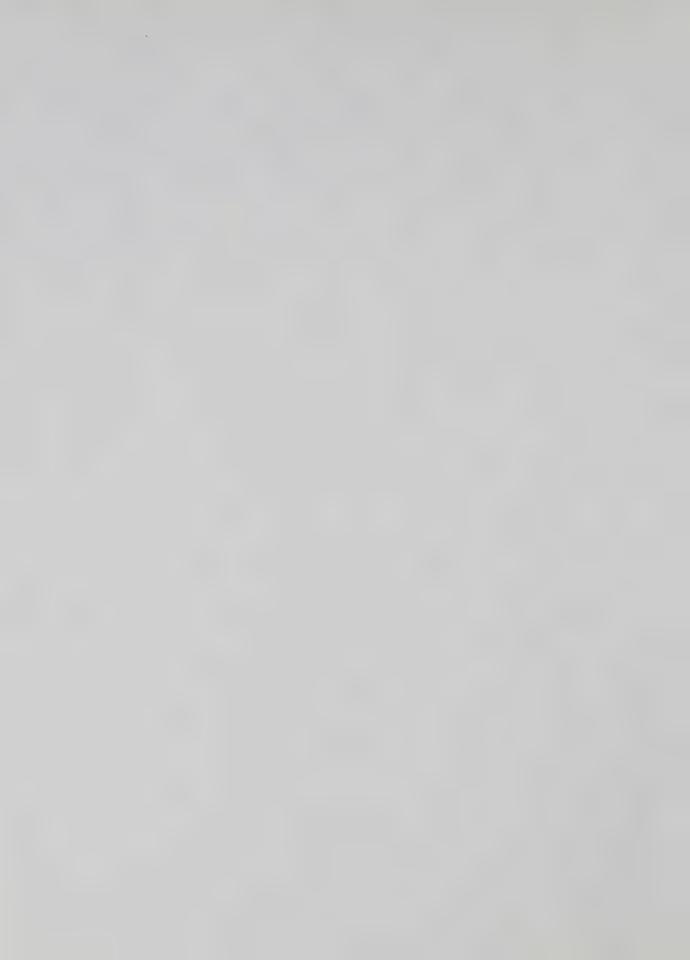
^{*} Effective August 1, 1970, an amendment to the Railway Act extended the regulatory jurisdiction of the Canadian Transport Commission to include all communications services provided by the Company.



TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

1946 5,752,942 1,329,462 1,022,229 8,1 1947 7,114,357 1,474,765 811,955 9,4 1948 7,874,320 1,648,442 752,490 10,2 1949 9,190,221 1,878,684 820,572 11,8 1950 10,550,051 2,103,690 1,183,882 13,8	98, 822 04, 633 01, 077 75, 252
1950 10,550,051 2,103,690 1,183,882 13,8	89, 477
1952 14 , 488, 676 2 , 698, 423 2 , 458, 645 19 , 6	37, 623 002, 763 345, 744 35, 955
1954 17,966,704 3,680,530 3,480,986 25,1 1955 18,964,703 4,240,371 4,415,029 27,6 1956 20,899,259 4,924,403 4,952,409 30,7	28, 220 320, 103 76, 071
1958 26,718,975 7,099,564 4,150,627 37,9 1959 27,598,491 8,678,074 7,511,759 43,7	539, 219 969, 166 788, 324 232, 095
1961 29,739,149 11,633,769 10,595,041 51,9 1) 1962 31,930,849 13,926,474 11,007,277 56,8 1963 31,296,856 15,648,843 12,626,051 59,5	967, 959 864, 600 571, 750
1965 40,593,517 21,345,168 15,731,012 77,6 1966 48,559,759 22,944,866 17,295,826 88,8	749, 390 669, 697 800, 451 214, 806
3) 1968 59,165,615 28,831,934 21,576,845 109,5 1969 68,630,326 32,719,544 24,225,316 125,5 1970 81,579,708 34,338,351 23,967,321 139,8 1971 95,808,595 38,454,431 24,555,914 158,8	574, 394 575, 186 885, 380 318, 940 805, 222

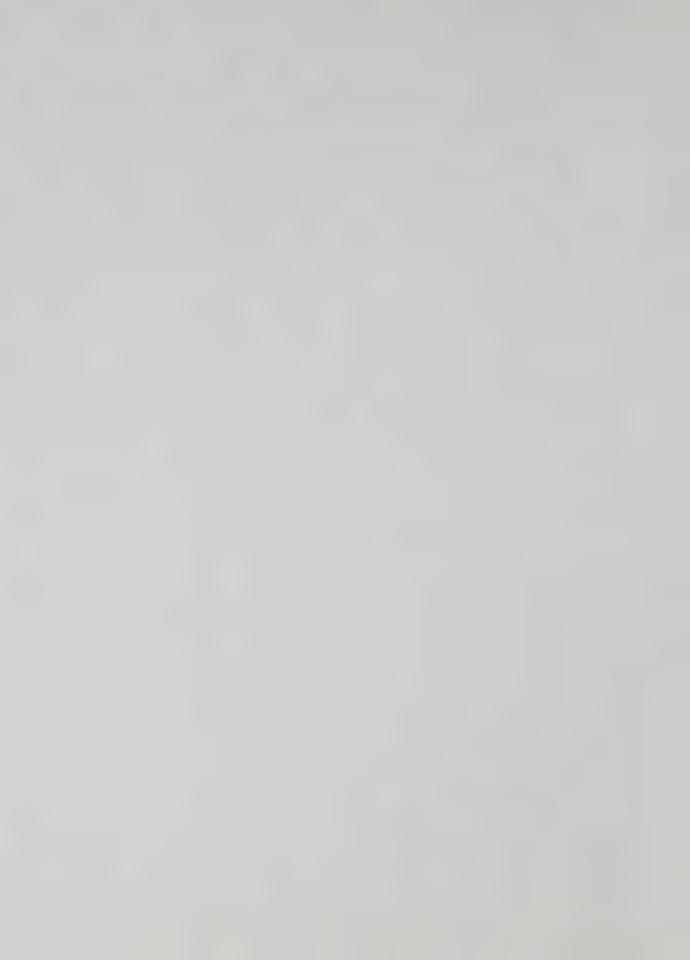
- (1) Commencing in 1962 the cost of publishing the directories is offset against the advertising revenues generated by the directories.
- (2) The Expenses of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.
- (3) Operating Expenses and Taxes for the years 1968 1971 have been restated to reflect the change in accounting for accrued vacation pay of employees.



ANALYSIS OF TAXES

	Provincial, Municipal	Federal	Taxes on Incor Provincial Share	me Total	Total Taxes
Year 1945 1946 1947 1948	and Other (1) \$		\$	\$ 500, 116	\$ 1,144,296 1,022,229 811,955 752,490 820,572
1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956	320, 456 368, 399 418, 089 480, 272 587, 445 721, 081 779, 669 823, 288	500, 116 815, 483 1, 663, 036 1, 978, 373 2, 546, 296 2, 759, 905 3, 635, 360 4, 129, 121	- - - - - -	815, 483 1, 663, 036 1, 978, 373 2, 546, 296 2, 759, 905 3, 635, 360 4, 129, 121 3, 633, 053	1, 183, 882 2, 081, 125 2, 458, 645 3, 133, 741 3, 480, 986 4, 415, 029 4, 952, 409 4, 717, 924
1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965	1,084,871 1,292,851 1,492,625 1,988,057 2,326,740 2,324,557 2,568,140 2,834,955 3,217,764	3, 633, 053 2, 857, 776 6, 019, 134 6, 658, 463 8, 268, 301 8, 682, 720 8, 245, 660 8, 742, 741 10, 261, 079	1,601,250 1,921,366 2,252,169 2,405,056	2,857,776 6,019,134 6,658,463 8,268,301 8,682,720 10,057,911 10,664,107 12,513,248 13,361,423	4, 150, 627 7, 511, 759 8, 646, 520 10, 595, 041 11, 007, 277 12, 626, 051 13, 499, 062 15, 731, 012 17, 295, 826
1966 (2) 1967 (3) 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972	3,934,403 4,862,896 5,595,590 6,297,607 6,995,909 7,683,781 8,848,794	10, 956, 367 10, 791, 528 12, 872, 661 14, 440, 501 13, 670, 218 13, 431, 703 15, 794, 741	2,697,882 3,108,594 3,487,208 3,301,194 3,440,430	13, 489, 410 15, 981, 255 17, 927, 709 16, 971, 412 16, 872, 133 20, 122, 067	18, 352, 306 21, 576, 845 24, 225, 316 23, 967, 321 24, 555, 914 28, 970, 861

- (1) Unemployment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan.
- (2) The taxes of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.
- (3) Taxes on Income for the years 1968 1971 have been restated to reflect the change in accounting for accrued vacation pay of employees.



DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS AVAILABLE FOR FIXED CHARGES

Y	ear	Earnings Available for Fixed Charges	Fixed Charges	Earnings Available for Dividends	Dividends on Preference and Preferred Shares	Earnings Available for Ordinary Shares	Dividends on Ordinary Shares	Transferred to Retained Earnings
19	45	\$ 1,354,309	\$ 665,306	\$ 689,003	\$ 330,000	\$ 359,003	\$ 360,000	\$ (997)
	946	1,554,703	813, 158	741,545	330,000	411,545	360,000	51,545
	147	1,586,437	842,729	743,708	330,000	413,708	360,000	53,708
	148	1,833,645	1,089,575	794,070	406, 198	387,872	420,000	(32, 128)
19	149	1,727,134	1, 148, 741	578,393	496, 250	82, 143	480,000	(397, 857)
19	950	2, 276, 125	1, 285, 106	991,019	511,882	479, 137	520,000	(40, 863)
19	51	2,794,290	1, 282, 472	1,511,818	667,711	844, 107	880,000	(35, 893)
19	952	3, 187, 771	1, 473, 727	1,714,044	686, 250	1,027,794	960,000	67,794
19	53	4, 261, 785	1,719,728	2,542,057	723, 594	1,818,463	1,200,000	618, 463
19	954	4,898,531	1,986,722	2,911,809	742,500	2, 169, 309	1,520,000	649, 309
19	55	5,714,722	1,979,528	3,735,194	1, 108, 125	2,627,069	1,600,000	1,027,069
19	956	6,776,042	1,973,509	4,802,533	1, 366, 718	3, 435, 815	2,100,000	1, 335, 815
	957	7,639,690	2,916,665	4,723,025	1,577,917	3, 145, 108	2,400,000	745, 108
	958	8,081,577	3,908,506	4, 173, 071	2,105,000	2,068,071	2,400,000	(331, 929)
	959	11,644,046	4,971,746	6,672,300	2, 105, 000	4,567,300	3,075,000	1, 492, 300
	960	13, 167, 637	5,921,990	7, 245, 647	2,667,500	4, 578, 147	3, 458, 400	1, 119, 747
	61	15,781,068	6,988,165	8,792,903	2,855,000	5,937,903	4,068,900	1,869,003
	962	16,865,287	7,382,101	9, 483, 186	2,855,000	6, 628, 186	4, 430, 580	2, 197, 606
	963	18, 250, 436	7, 322, 198	10,928,238	3, 318, 500	7,609,738	5, 293, 680	2, 316, 058
	964	19,954,964	8,026,309	11,928,655	3, 473, 000	8, 455, 655	5, 523, 840	2,931,815
	965	22, 135, 487	8, 431, 372	13, 704, 115	3,824,000	9,880,115	5, 696, 460	4, 183, 655
	966	24, 185, 026	9,349,708	14, 835, 318	3,691,000	11, 144, 318	6, 244, 320	4, 929, 998
/	967	28, 534, 854	13, 200, 820	15, 334, 034	3,716,424	11, 617, 610	6,602,715	5,014,895
/	968	30,767,089	13, 974, 764	16, 792, 317	4, 178, 567	12,673,750	6,991,110	5, 622, 640
	969	33, 595, 397	14,739,487	18,855,910	4, 391, 431	14, 464, 479	8, 415, 225	6,049,254
	970	36, 497, 271	17, 687, 659	18, 809, 612	4, 391, 127	14, 418, 485	8,774,850	5, 643, 635
	971	42, 496, 580	22, 287, 778	20, 208, 802	4, 390, 487	15, 818, 315	9, 494, 100	6, 324, 215
19	972	49,615,312	24, 755, 941	24, 859, 371	5,097,703	19,761,668	10, 357, 200	9, 404, 468

⁽¹⁾ The Earnings of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.

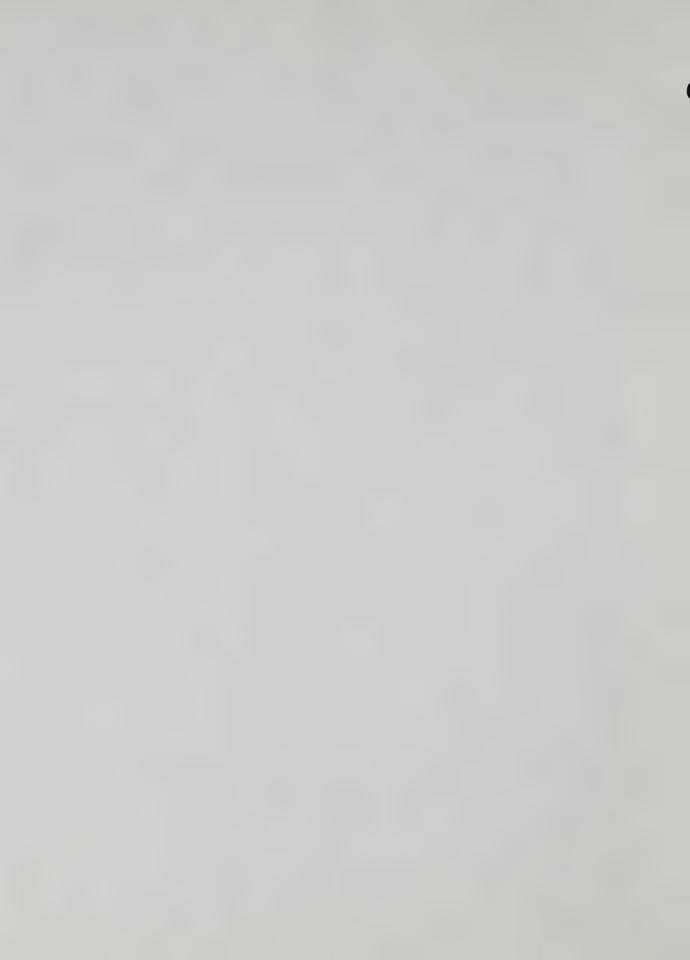
⁽²⁾ Earnings for the years 1968 - 1971 have been restated to reflect the change in accounting for accrued vacation pay of employees.



RATE OF RETURN ON AVERAGE INVESTED CAPITAL

	Year	Average Invested Capital(1)	Earnings Available For Fixed Charges	Rate of Return on Average Invested Capital
	1945	\$ 25, 178, 280	\$ 1,354,309	5.38 %
	1946	26,703,553	1,554,703	5. 82
	1947	32, 656, 179	1,586,437	4.86
	1948	40, 247, 330	1,883,645	4.68
	1949	44, 648, 700	1,727,134	3.87
	1950	48,733,295	2, 276, 126	4.67
	1951	55, 561, 494	2,794,290	5.03
	1952	64,064,560	3, 187, 771	4.98
	1953	72,728,599	4, 261, 785	5.86
	1954	84, 425, 631	4, 898, 531	5.80
	1955	94,019,152	5,714,722	6.08
	1956	109, 157, 402	6,776,042	6.21
	1957	139, 365, 821	7, 639, 690	5. 48
	1958	168, 319, 561	8,081,577	4.80
	1959	196, 259, 172	11,644,046	5.93
	1960	225, 828, 354	13, 167, 637	5.83
	1961	259, 230, 493	15,781,068	6.09
	1962	275, 191, 889	16, 865, 287	6. 13
	1963	294, 672, 539	18, 250, 436	6. 19
	1964	313, 217, 149	19,954,964	6.37
	1965	333, 938, 536	22, 135, 487	6. 63
1	1966	365, 735, 694	24, 185, 026	6. 61
(2)	1967	430, 218, 641	28, 534, 854	6.63
(3)	1968	450, 985, 656	30,767,081	6.82
	1969	478, 444, 009	33, 595, 397	7.02
	1970	522, 045, 729	36, 497, 271	6.99
	1971	577, 455, 458	42, 496, 580	7.36
	1972	634, 417, 005	49, 615, 312	7.82

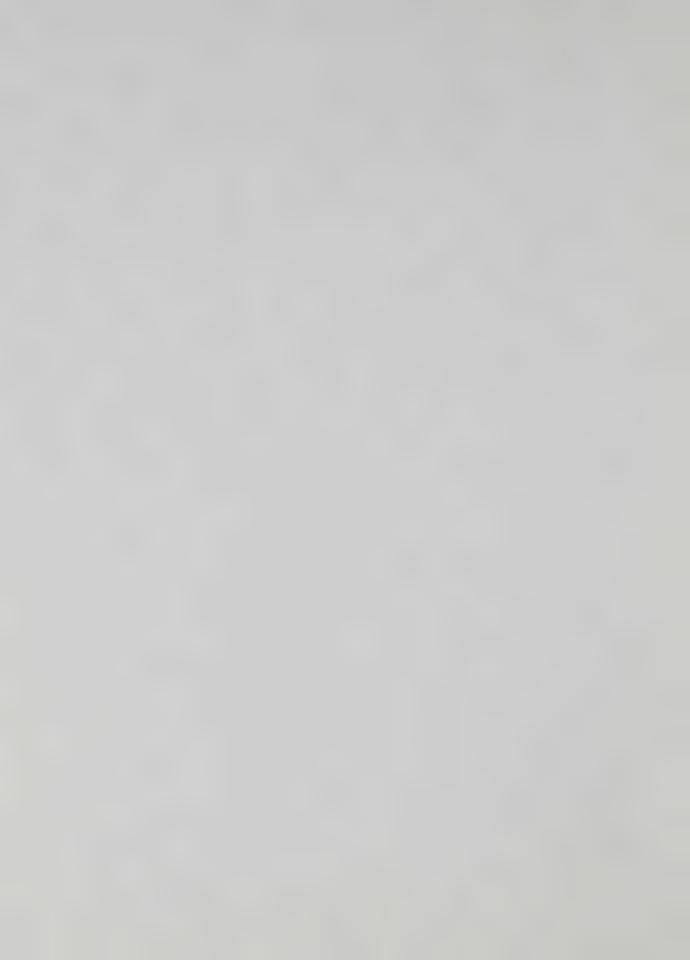
- (1) Average invested capital includes capital stock, premium, retained earnings, long term debt and demand loans, The average is computed as the average of 12 monthly averages, using beginning and end of month figures. 1945-1949 are year-end averages.
- (2) The Earnings of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.
- (3) Rate of Return for the years 1968 1971 have been restated to reflect the change in accounting for accrued vacation pay of employees.



GROSS ADDITIONS TO PLANT

Year	Gross Additions to Plant
1945	\$ 2,252,498
1946	4, 916, 620
1947	5, 521, 790
1948	7, 285, 222
1949	7, 884, 518
1950	7, 368, 139
1951	9, 391, 493
1952	11, 349, 578
1953	15, 550, 398
1954	18,996,082
1955	21, 254, 856
1956	27, 693, 592
1957	40,818,023
1958	51,748,654
1959	40,947,467
1960	35, 631, 704
1961	30, 801, 282
1962	37, 545, 012
1963	35, 891, 660
1964	39, 272, 387
1965	47, 983, 765
1966	60, 681, 708
* 1967	68, 430, 995
1968	70, 802, 171
1969	74, 666, 431
1970	95, 111, 177
1971	113, 106, 126
1972	132, 405, 478

^{*} The Gross Additions of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.



GROSS TELEPHONE PLANT

December 31	Gross Telephone Plant
1945	\$ 35, 189, 463
1946	39,065,540
1947	43, 450, 670
1948	49, 392, 762
1949	55, 206, 282
	61, 290, 387
1950 1951	
	68, 562, 792
1952	77, 452, 395
1953	89,717,329
1954	104, 494, 433
1955	120, 330, 786
1956	141, 657, 107
1957	176,758,724
1958	217, 951, 682
1959	243, 690, 783
1960	265, 129, 882
1961	308, 366, 305
1962	335, 865, 487
1963	362, 955, 276
1964	393, 360, 679
1965	429, 966, 904
1966	480,762,018
(1) 1967	559, 922, 422
(2) 1968	619, 528, 106
1969	682, 394, 453
1970	760, 338, 402
1971	854, 645, 308
1972	961, 490, 386

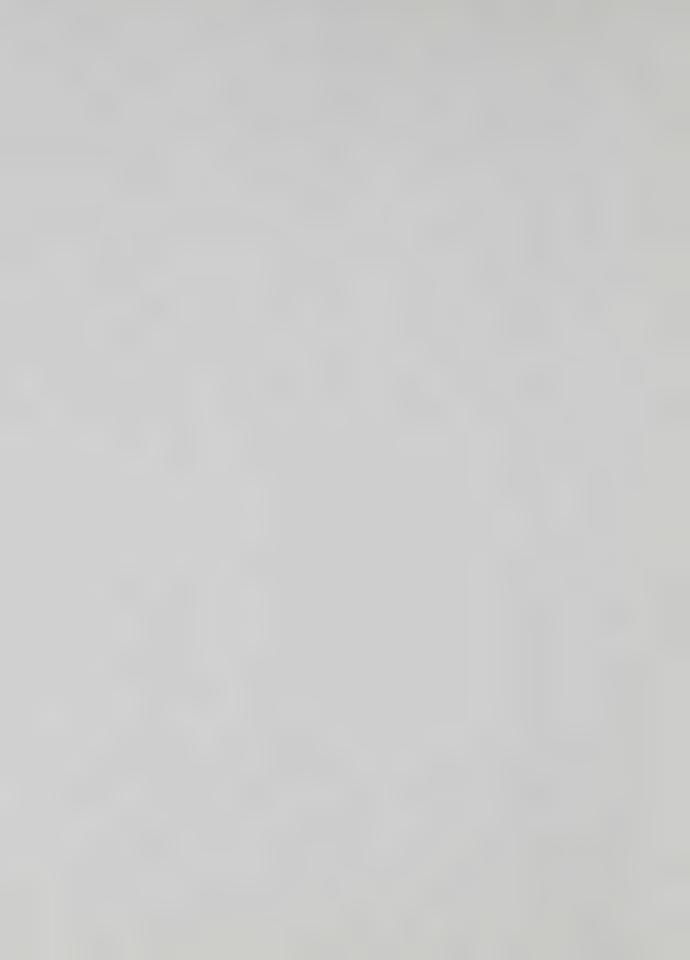
- (1) The Gross Telephone Plant of Okanagan Telephone Company has been included commencing in 1967.
- (2) Gross Telephone Plant in the years 1968 1971 has been restated to reflect the capitalized portion of accrued vacation pay of employees, resulting from a change in accounting policy.



GROSS INVESTMENT PER TELEPHONE (Year-end)

Year	Gross Investment per Telephone (Year-end)
-	
1945	\$ 216
1946	223
1947	224
1948	237
1949	244
1950	249
1951	260
1952	272
1953	289
1954	304
1955	324
1956	344
1957	391
1958	453
1959	482
1960	507
1961	543
1962	565
1963	581
1964	595
1965	606
1966	632
1967	654
1968	678
1969	700
1970	733
1971	777
1972	815

- (1) The Gross Investment and telephones of Okanagan Telephone Company have been included commencing in 1967.
- (2) The Gross Investment in the years 1968 1971 has been restated to reflect the capitalized portion of accrued vacation pay of employees, resluting from a change in accounting policy.



EMPLOYEE SUMMARY

Year	Number of Employees at December 31	Total Annual Payroll	Average Annual Payroll Per Employee
1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1965 1966 1967 1968	2,846 3,385 3,588 3,856 4,077 4,526 4,990 5,424 5,861 5,845 5,645 6,080 7,130 6,878 6,205 5,646 5,511 5,330 5,423 5,696 6,337 7,243 7,182 7,559	\$	\$1,505 1,647 1,738 1,949 2,028 2,127 2,342 2,520 2,651 2,778 2,918 3,133 3,259 3,533 3,855 4,192 4,630 4,983 5,184 5,537 5,911 6,186 6,398 6,914
1969 1970 1971 1972	8,405 9,146 9,753 10,258	57,773,505 70,705,263 84,498,708 98,045,495	7,238 8,057 8,942 9,799



BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY 1972 EMPLOYEE SUMMARY - BY DIVISION

Division	No. of Employees as at December 31, 1972		Payroll 1972	
Coastal Division Division Traffic Division Customer Service (including	4, 379	1, 483	\$40,775,952 9,297,596	
Customer Service Plant) Division Plant and Construction Division Engineering and Administration		1,630 966 300	16,608,215 11,442,273 3,427,868	
Island Division Division Traffic Division Customer Service (including	1,403	383	13,684,201 2,451,571	
Customer Service Plant) Division Plant and Construction Division Engineering, Administration,		464 414	4, 757, 3 99 4, 620, 590	
and Public Affairs		142	1, 854, 641	
Interior Division Division Traffic Division Customer Service Division Plant and Construction Administration, Engineering, Public Affairs	1,032	310 287 305	9,990,634 1,990,488 3,015,038 3,527,898	
and Program Center		130	1, 457, 210	
Northern Division Prince George District Terrace District Peace River District Administration, Engineering, Construction, Public Affairs and Vehicle	949	415 191 159 184	8,860,503 3,459,499 1,806,057 1,426,278 2,168,669	
Staff Departments (Note 1)	2,495		24, 734, 205	
Total Company	10, 258		\$98,045,495	

Note 1: Includes Supply, Transportation and Buildings Operations.



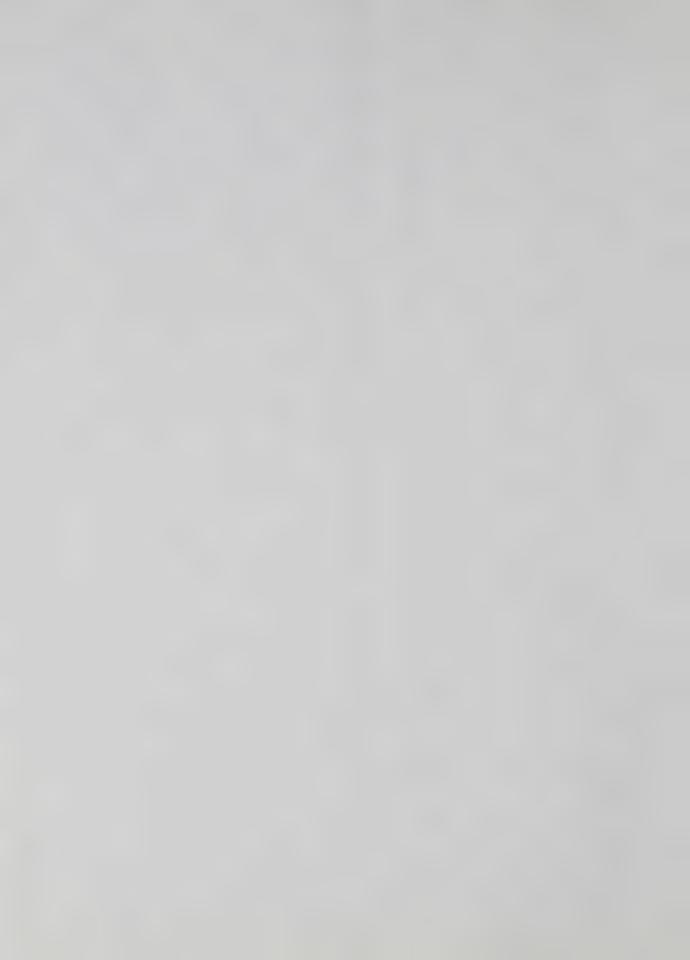
BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY SERVICE AREA

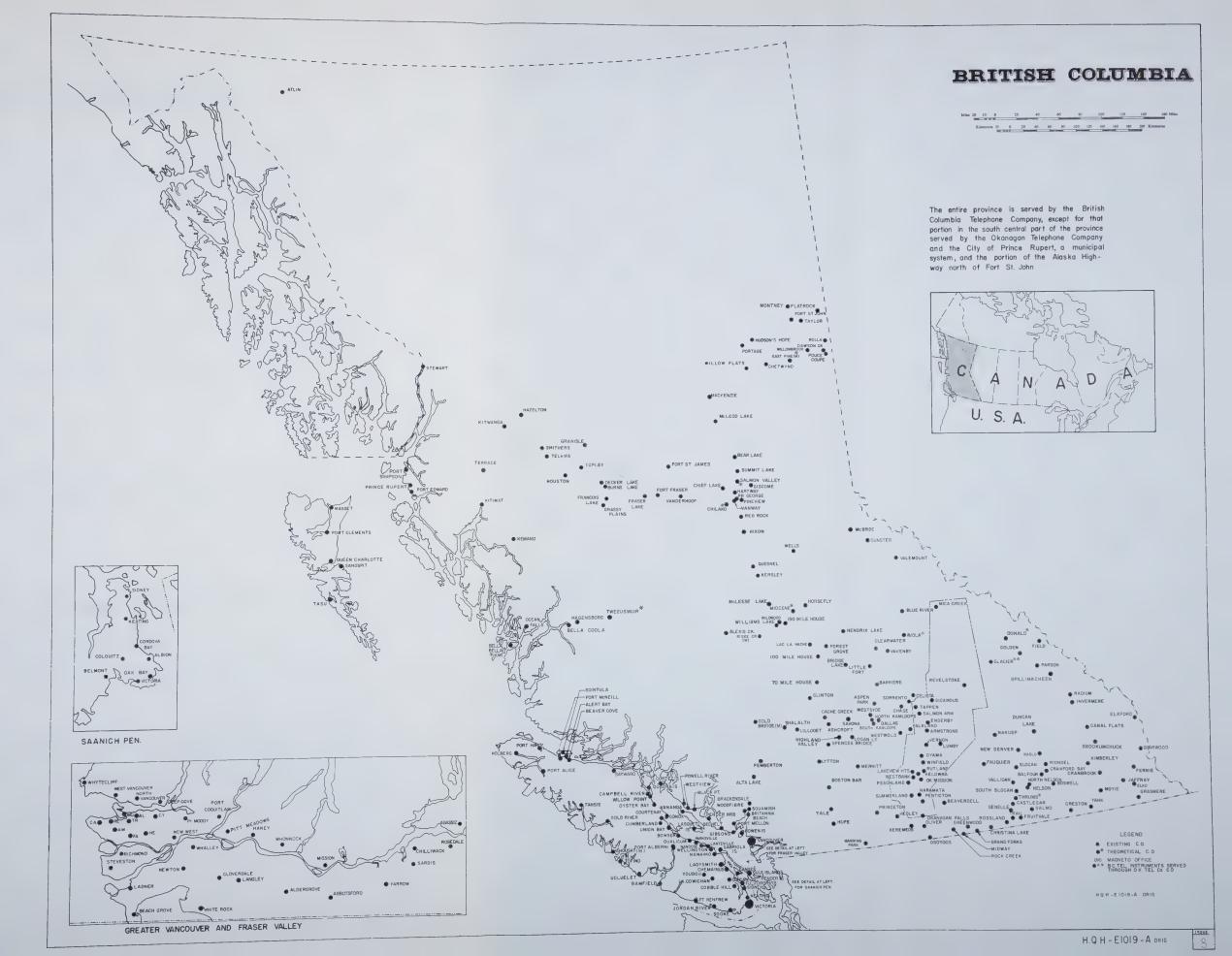
The British Columbia Telephone Company provides telephone and other communication services to almost the entire province of British Columbia.

The exceptions are a portion of the Okanagan Valley* in the south-central Interior (shown in outline on the following map), the City of Prince Rupert, and some locations along the Alaska Highway.

The Company serves approximately 96 percent of the area of the province and about 94 percent of the province's population. It operates almost 94 percent of all telephones in British Columbia.

* In December, 1966, B.C. Telephone Company acquired a majority interest in the Okanagan Telephone Company.







OKANAGAN TELEPHONE COMPANY

Okanagan Telephone Company, incorporated on April 25, 1907, serves a fast-growing area from Mica Creek in the north to Penticton and Okanagan Falls in the south. This encompasses the whole of the famed fruit-growing Okanangan Valley in south-central British Columbia.

The company has 21 central offices in 16 exchanges including such communities as Vernon, Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Kelowna and Summerland.

The largest telephone exchange is Kelowna with 24,242 installations, followed by Vernon and Penticton. Smallest exchange is Oyama with 337 telephones.

During 1972, the Okanagan Telephone Company carried out a \$7,893,000 construction program and by the end of the year had 66,775 telephones connected, an increase of 6,233 in the 12-month period.

The company initiated automatic service in 1951 at Oyama and Winfield, and completed the program of converting its entire system to dial in 1959. Direct Distance Dialing came to the area in 1960 when

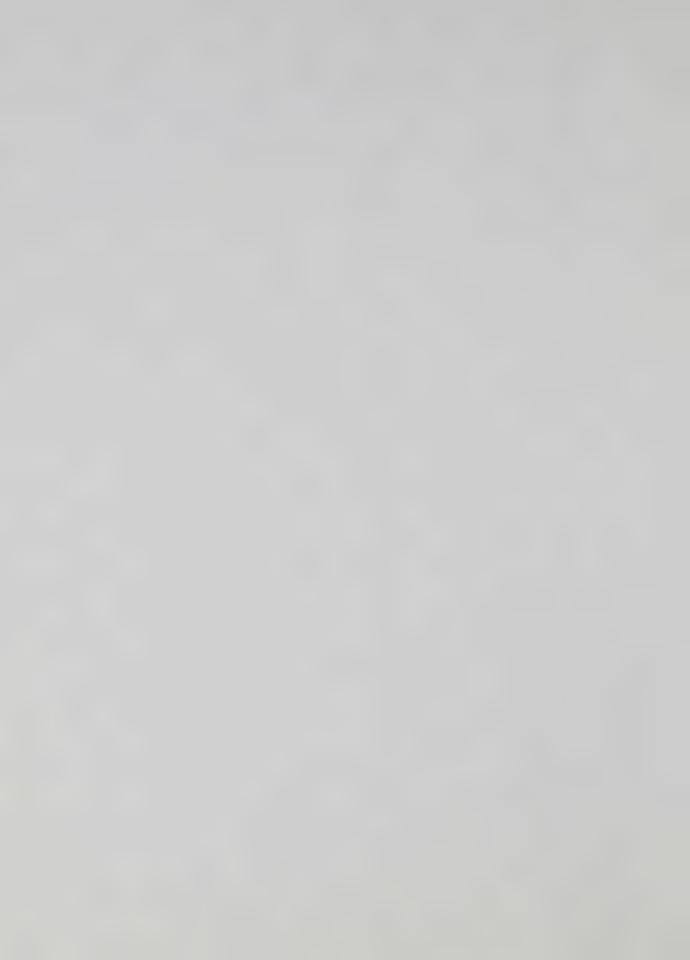


OKANAGAN TELEPHONE COMPANY (cont'd)

automatic toll ticketing equipment was installed at Penticton, Kelowna,

Vernon and Salmon Arm to permit station-to-station long distance calls
to be customer dialed.

Okanagan Telephone Company employees numbered 558 at the end of 1972.



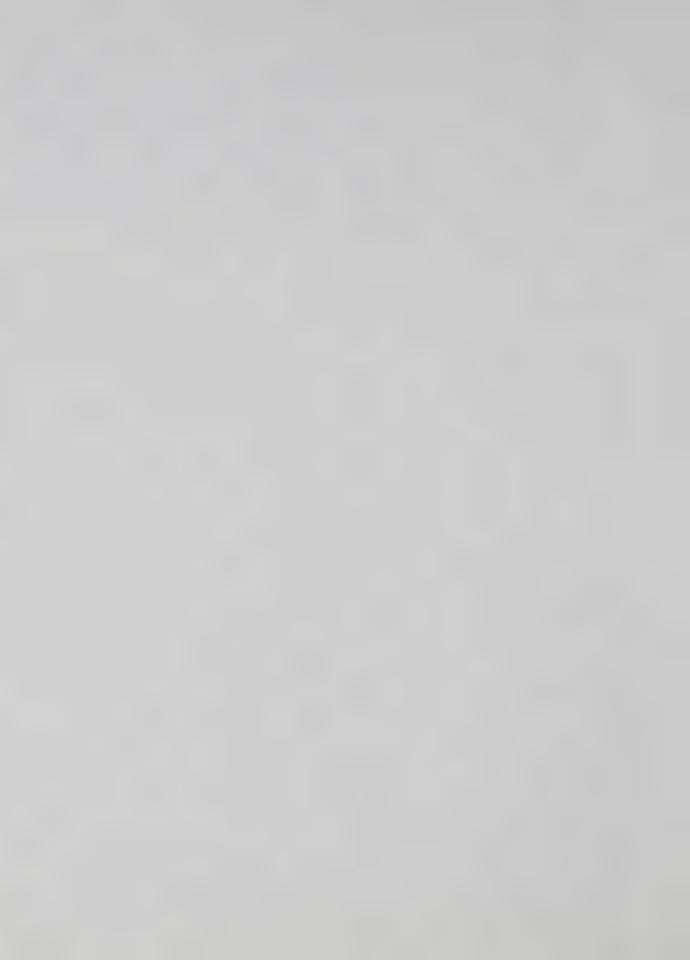
TELEPHONES IN SERVICE

<u>Year</u>	Total Telephones in Service at December 31	Percentage Increase	Percentage of Total Telephones Under Dial Operation	Percentage of Total Telephones with Direct Distance Dialing Facilities
1945	163, 135	3.4%	36.3%	%
1946	174, 838	7.2	36.3	
1947	193,736	10.8	37.9	
1948	208, 437	7.6	38.0	
1949	226, 431	8.6	43.4	
1950	246, 486	8.9	42.6	
1951	263, 374	6.9	42.3	
1952	284, 947	8.2	42.7	
1953	310,690	9.0	42.9	
1954	343, 441	10.5	50.1	
1955	371,042	8.0	55.6	
1956	412, 135	11.0	64.0	
1957	452, 157	9.7	67.1	
1958	480,707	6.3	71.4	
1959	505,432	5.1	79.4	
1960	522,780	3.4	87.4	m A = 4
1961	568,022	8.7	90.4	54.1
1962	594, 292	4.6	96.9	67.3
1963	625, 103	5.2	97.7	68.4
1964	661,708	5.5	98.3	70.1
1965	709,564	7.2	98.6	72.7
1966	761, 129	7.3	98.7	72.2
1 967	813,063	6.8	99.0	74.8
1968	867,880	6.7	99.6	87.5 88.7
1969	924, 122	6.5	99.7	91.6
1970	982,503	6.3	99.7 99.7	91.2
1971	1,039,249	5.8	99.7	92.0
1972	1,113,563	7.2	33.1	04.0



TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (CONT'D)

		Busine	SS	Residen	ce
December 31	Total Stations	Stations	%	Stations	_%_
1945	163, 135	52,401	32.1	110,734	67.9
1946	174,838	59,057	33.8	115,781	66.2
1947	193,736	65,436	33.8	128,300	66.2
1948	208,437	71,075	34.1	137,362	65.9
1949	226,431	75,665	33.4	150,766	66.6
1950	246, 486	80,299	32.6	166, 187	67.4
1951	263,374	84,739	32.2	178,635	67.8
1952	284, 947	89,703	31.5	195,244	68.5
1953	310,690	96, 136	30.9	214,554	69.1
1954	343, 441	104,923	30.6	238, 518	69.4
1955	371,042	112,731	30.4	258, 311	69.6
1956	412, 135	123, 131	29.9	289,004	70.1
1957	452, 157	132,813	29.4	319,334	70.6
1958	480,707	138,666	28.8	342,041	71.2
1959	505,432	145, 101	28.7	360,331	71.3
1960	522,780	148,657	28.4	374, 123	71.6
1961	568,022	162,566	28.6	405, 456	71.4
1962	594, 292	168,095	28.3	426, 197	71.7
1963	625, 103	175,510	28.1	449,593	71.9
1964	661,708	186,476	28.2	475, 232	71.8
1965	709,564	199,878	28.2	509,686	71.8
1966	761, 129	214,795	28.2	546,334	71.8
1967	813,063	229,805	28.3	583,258	71.7
1968	867,880	244,677	28.2	623,203	71.8
1969	924, 122	264, 280	28.6	659,842	71.4
1970	982,503	281,829	28.7	700,674	71.3
1971	1,039,249	297,689	28.6	741,560	71.4
1972	1,113,563	318,033	28.6	795,530	71.4



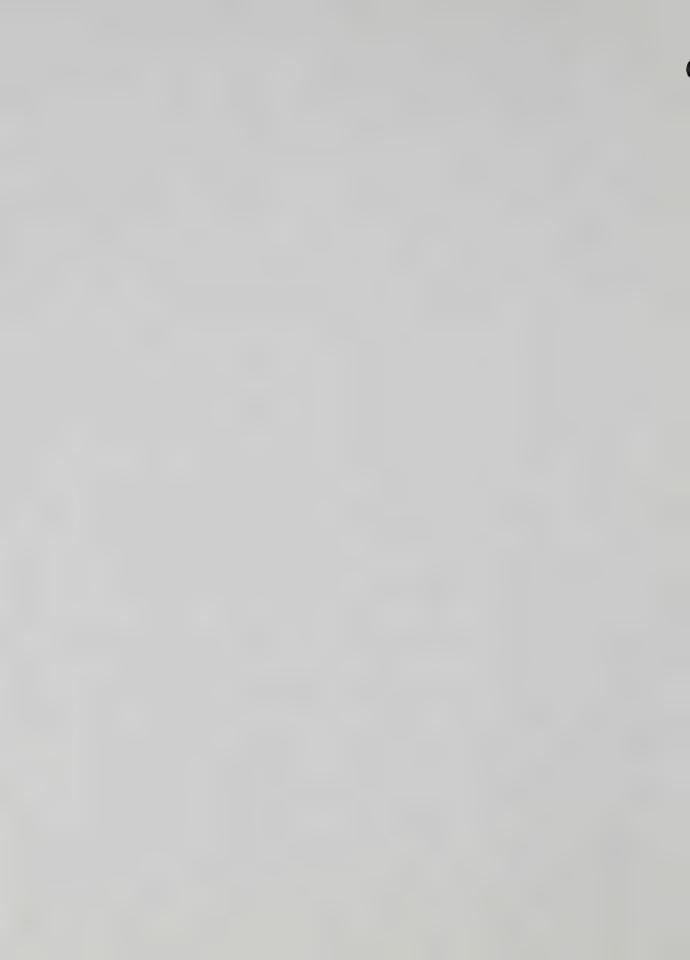
TELEPHONE DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

	Telephones per 100	Population
	British Columbia	
Year	Telephone Company	Canada
1945	22.3	15.2
1946	22.8	16.3
1947	24.4	17.5
1948	25.4	18.6
1949	25.9	19.8
1950	27.4	21.0
1951	28. 1	21.8
1952	29. 4	22.8
1953	30. 1	23.9
1954	31. 6	24.8
1955	32.7	26.1
1956	34.4	27.5
1957	35.7	28.6
1958	36.6	29.6
1959	37. 4	30.9
1960	37.9	31.7
1961	36. 7	32.6
1962	37. 7	33.7
1963	38.8	34.8
1964	40.0	36.0
1965	41.0	37.5
1966	42.2	39.0
1967	43.6	40.5
1968	45. 4	42.1
1969	46.6	43.7
1970	48, 2	45.2
1971	49.7	46.8
1972	51.5	50.0



TELEPHONE TRAFFIC VOLUME

	Local Calls	Toll Calls Completed
Year	Daily Average	Daily Average
1945	923,300	12,000
1946	1,045,600	13,000
1947	1, 130, 300	15,000
1948	1, 215, 000	16,000
1949	1, 332, 000	19,000
1950	1, 336, 000	19,500
1951	1, 411, 000	22,000
1952	1, 498, 000	23,600
1953	1,580,000	25,000
1954	1,789,000	30,000
1955	1,905,000	35,000
1956	2, 436, 000	40,000
1957	2,701,000	45,000
1958	2,929,000	47,000
1959	3, 130, 000	48,000
1960	3, 247, 000	51,000
1961	3, 565, 000	57,000
1962	3, 374, 000	58,000
1963	3,647,000	59,000
1964	3,981,000	66,000
1965	4, 391, 000	76,000
1966	4,834,000	85,000
1967	5, 286, 000	94,000
1968	5, 557, 000	104,000
1969	6,054,000	122,000
1970	6, 281, 000	137,000
1971	7,085,000	155,000
1972	7,282,000	164,000



RADIO DEVELOPMENT

The mountainous terrain of British Columbia presents many obstacles to construction of land line telephone transmission facilities. This fact has contributed to B.C. Tel's leadership in development of radio facilities to provide telephone circuits throughout the province.

The first radio link was installed in 1929 between Campbell River and Powell River, a distance of 40 miles. But it was not until the late 1940's that radio relay began to overshadow land lines. In late 1957, the TD-2 Trans Canada radio system was put into operation, eventually replacing the existing J Carrier open wire circuits. Today there are more than 6546.7 miles of toll radio relay systems with an average traffic capacity of 226 voice circuits in the B.C. Tel system.

The radio systems - Microwave, Ultra-High Frequency (including Tropospheric Scatter), Very High Frequency, and High Frequency - provide circuits for local and long distance telephone services, television networks, radio broadcasting networks, data, national defence systems, teletypewriter exchange service (TWX), and for many other facilities.

Local and network television service has been extended to many communities throughout the province over B.C. Telephone facilities, and the program feeds for the CBC radio network are provided and maintained by B.C. Telephone.

An experimental conference television radio circuit is to be set up between Vancouver and Victoria later this year. The service will be called "Confravision". This circuit will enable a group of participants in each of the two cities to see as well as talk to each other.

The two-hop tropospheric scatter system which links Port Hardy, B.C., to Annette Island, Alaska, through a relay station on Trutch Island, was inaugurated in 1963 and forms a link between Alaska and United States telephone systems for the transmission of multi-channel voice and data.

The B.C. TEL microwave radio system across the province's southern regions carries programs of the two national television networks as well as hundreds of voice circuits which link British Columbia with the rest of Canada. 1968 saw the beginning of construction of the Northern Inter-Provincial Radio System, and in 1970 this system was put into full operation. The two Satellite Earth Stations at Cowichan Lake are

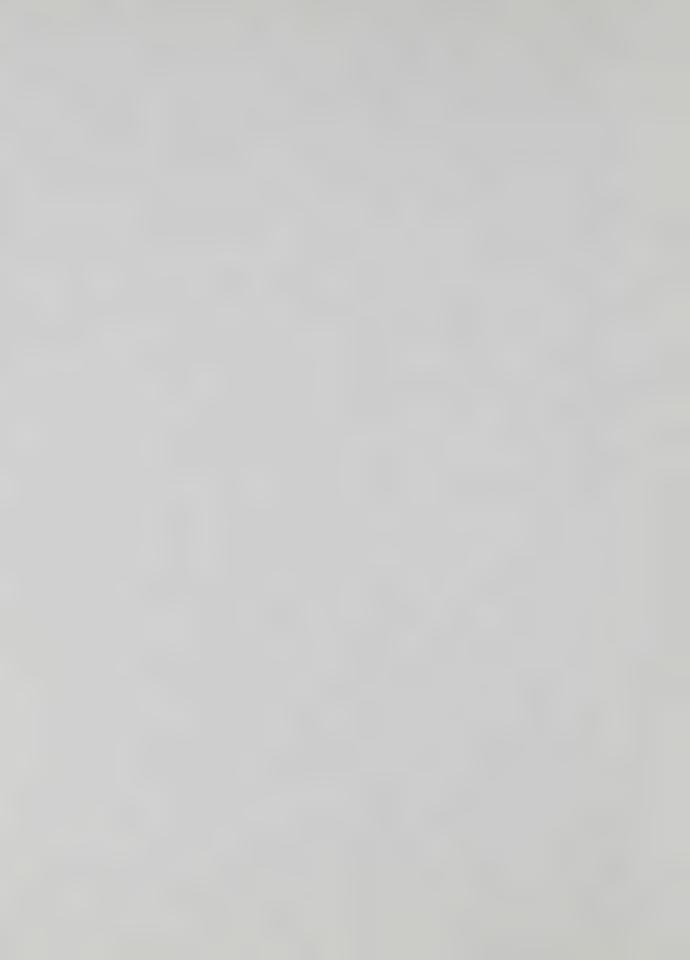


RADIO DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)

connected to these heavy route microwave systems, allowing voice, data, and television to be transmitted via satellite between Lake Cowichan and Eastern Canada or the many countries on the Pacific Rim served by the Intelsat System.

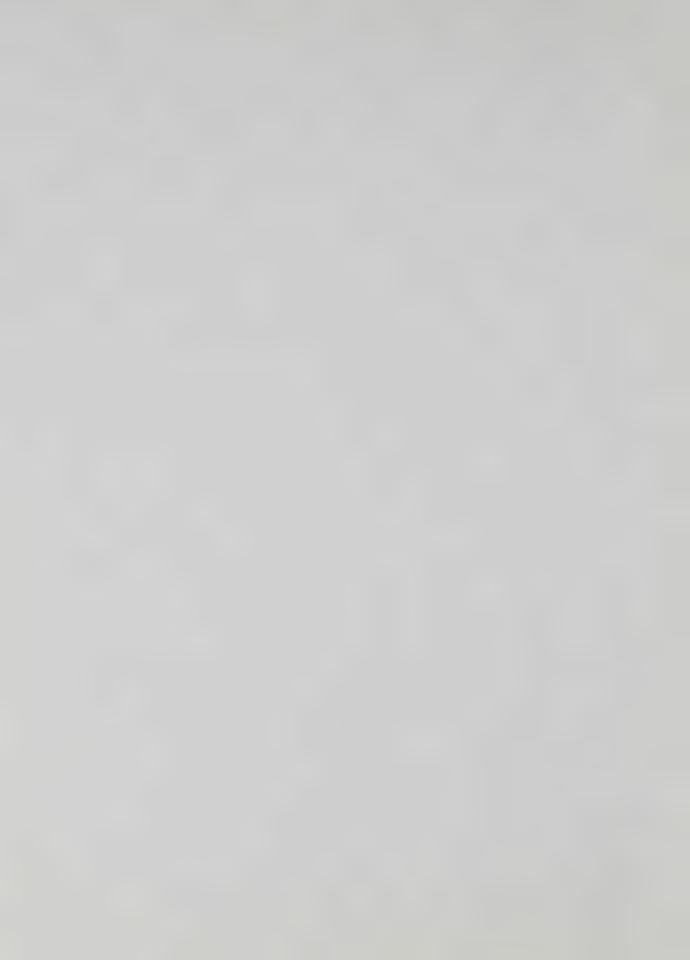
In 1968, B.C. TEL introduced a Pocket Paging system to allow a person, away from his office, to be alerted to telephone his office as soon as possible. Initially, a 3,000 subscriber service was offered in Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops and Prince George. In early 1974 this system will be expanded to accommodate 10,000 subscribers.

B.C. TEL operates one of the largest public radiotelephone networks of its kind in the world, serving over 3,000 ships, hundreds of isolated fixed stations, and thousands of mobile stations on High Frequency, Very High Frequency, and Ultra-High Frequency systems, including the world's first automatic radio coin telephone service. Radiotelephone service is available on all major highways in British Columbia through the Very High Frequency FM network.

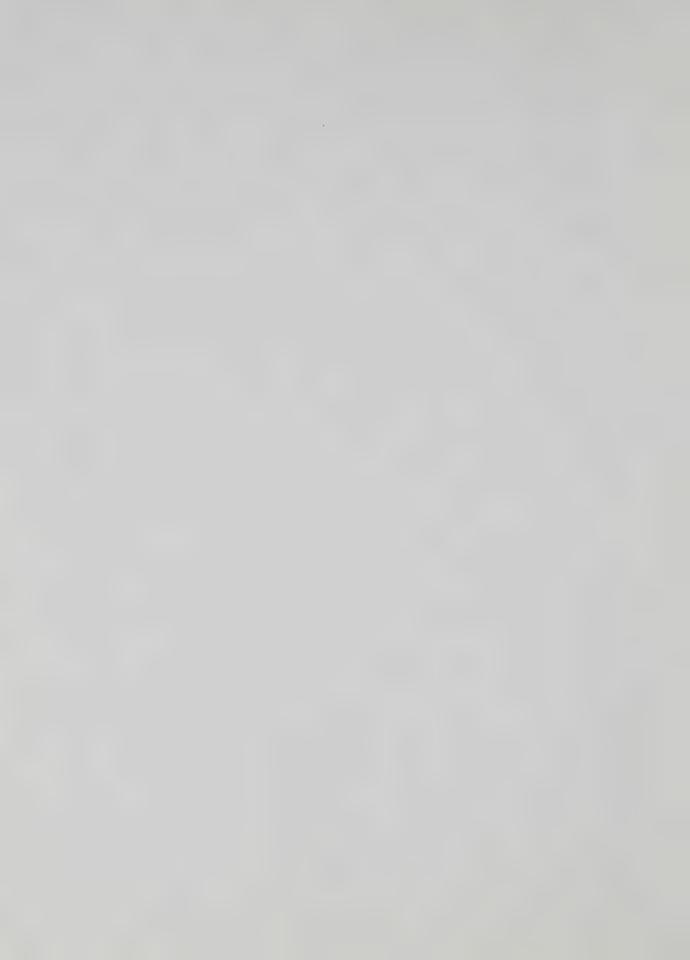


GLOSSARY - TELEPHONE ABBREVIATIONS

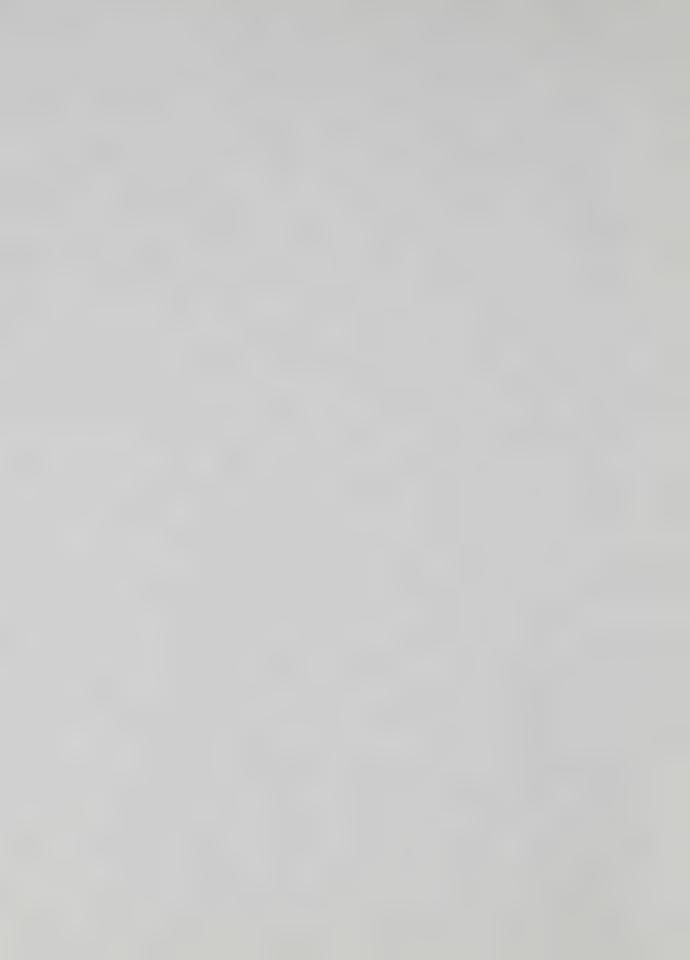
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11015	Distribution	***************************************	
AIOD	Automatic Identification	CLO	Circuit Layout Order
**	on Outward Dialing (Centrex only)	CO	Central Office or Chief Operator
AM	Amplitude Modulation	COTC	Canadian Overseas Telecommunication
ANC	All Number Calling		Corporation
ANI	Automatic Number Identification	CPE	Customer-Provided Equipment
ATB	All Trunks Busy	CRB	Customer Records and Billing
<u>B</u>	Business Service	CRC	Commercial Record Card
BAR	Business Account Representative	СТ	Coin Telephone
BCT	B.C. Telephone Company	CTCA	Canadian Telecommuni-
BMEWS	Ballistic Missile Early Warning System		cations Carriers Association
		CWO	Custom Work Order
BRA	Base Rate Area	CXL	Centrex Extra Listing
CAMA	Centralized Automatic Message Accounting	DA	Don't Answer or Directory
		DA	Assistance (depending on
CATV	Community Antenna Television		context)
CAX	Community Automatic Exchange	DAK	Denies All Knowledge
CAA		DAS	Directory Assistance Service
C-1 EAX	Canadian Model #1 of Electronic Automatic	DB	Decibel
	Exchange	DDD	Direct Distance Dialing
CB	Common Battery	DEX	Daily Except
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television	DIR	Directory



DLY	Daily	HM	Hang-up Monophone
<u>DM</u>	Desk Monophone	IDDD	International Direct Distance Dialing
DP	Drop		<u> </u>
DSA	Dial System "A"	<u>IDF</u>	Intermediate Distributing Frame
DSS	Dial Selective Signalling	<u>I/M</u>	Inside Move
DXL	Delayed Extra Listing	IX	Interexchange
DXS	Daily Except Sunday	<u>JO</u>	Job Order
DXSS	Daily Except Saturday and Sunday	KIL	Key-in-lieu (of telephone)
EAS	Extended Area Service	LLC	Line Load Control
***************************************		LS	Loudspeaker
EAX	Electronic Automatic Exchange	LD	Long Distance
EDDD	Expanded Direct Distance Dialing	LPL	Listed Under Primary Listing
EDP	Electronic Data Processing	LW	Leased Wire
ETV	Educational Television	LYP	List in Yellow Pages
EXCH	Exchange	MAG	Magneto
FCO	Foreign Central Office	MAP	Market Assignment Plan
FM	Frequency Modulation	MC	Main Classification (In Yellow Pages)
FTW	Federation of Telephone Workers	MDA	Market Development Area
FWI	Four Wire Model #1	MDF	Main Distributing Frame
	(Swbd.)	MIL	Mileage
FX	Foreign Exchange	TATT	11110000
HF	High Frequency		



NO	Number	PUB	Public or Public Telephone Service
NO CHG	No Charge		
NPA	Numbering Plan Area	<u>R</u>	Residence Service
NRC	Nonrecurring Charge	RC	Radio Control Circuit
ОВ	Outdoor Booth	RDI	Rate Determination Inquiry
	One-inch Information	RO	Routine Order
<u>IL</u>	Listing	RT	Regular Type Listing
ONI	Operator Number Identification	R/W	Right of Way
<u>OP</u>	Off-premises or Outside Plant	SAGE	Semi-Automatic Ground Environment
ODW		SAL	Study Area Location
OPX PABX	Off-premises Extension Private Automatic Branch	SATT	Strowger Automatic Toll Ticketing
111011	Exchange	CC.	
PAX	Private Automatic	SC	Signal Circuit
	Exchange	SCC	Service Connection Charge
PB	Party Business	SCCS	Software Controlled Communication Service
PBX	Private Branch Exchange	SCHG	Surcharge
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation		Service Central Office
PL	Primary Listing or	SCO	Service Central Office
T221	Private Line	SERV SEC	Service Section
PN	Program Transmission (Network IX)	SO	Service Order
PP	Private Property	SR	Service Representative
PSRT	Public Service Radio Terminal	SRN	Siren Circuit
PT	Program Transmission (Local)		



SRO	Special Repair Orders	TR	Traffic Recommendation or Trademark Regular
SS	Suspension of Service		Type Listing
SSB	Single Side Band	TRF	Transfer
STN	Station	TS	Toll Station
SUB	Subscriber	TSO	TWX Sales Order
SWBD	Switchboard	TSPS	Traffic Service Position System
T&C	Time and Charges	тт	Teletype or Tie Trunk
TACS	Telephone Alarm Control		
	System	TTRK	Tie Trunk
TC	Touch Calling	TTY	Teletype or Tie Trunk
TCTS	Trans-Canada Telephone System	TWX	Teletypewriter Exchange Service
TD	Temporary Disconnection	<u>U/G</u>	Underground
TEOP	Traffic Engineering Outline of Plan	UHF	Ultra-High Frequency
medad	Walankana Employaga Casial	<u>VC</u>	Verification Call
TESAC	Telephone Employees Social and Athletic Club	VF	Voice Frequency
TH	Trademark Heading	VHF	Very High Frequency
TFR	TWX Facility Request	VID	Video
TN	Trade Name Listing	<u>VN</u>	Video Network
TO	Take Out	VO	Voice Operated
TP	Telephoto or Teleprocess-	VT	Video, Local
	ing	TVS-VU	Video Pickup



TVS-VS Video Transmission Service

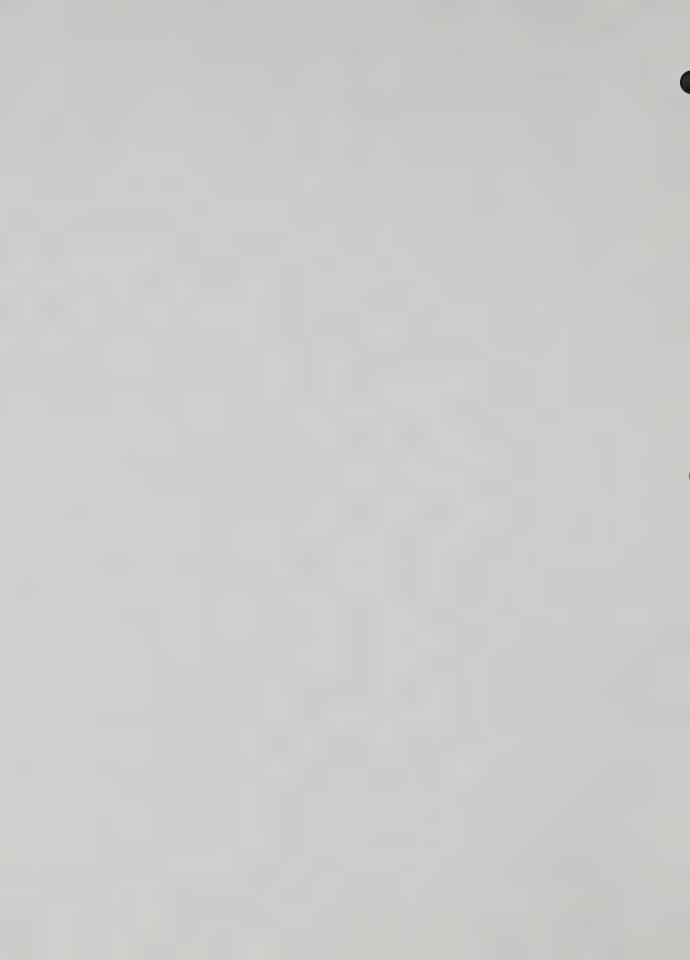
W Wall

WATS Wide Area Telephone Service

WO Work Order

WP Wiring Plan or Weatherproof

XL Extra Listing



GLOSSARY - TELEPHONE TERMS

Acoustic Monophone

A telephone handset equipped with an adjustable volume control to amplify reception for hard-of-hearing users or for noisy locations.

Airline Measurement

The shortest distance between two points.

Base Rate Area

The area within which individual and two-party main station exchange services are furnished at basic monthly rates without the application of exchange mileage charges.

Central Office

One or more central office units, at the same location, serving a common area.

Central Office Area

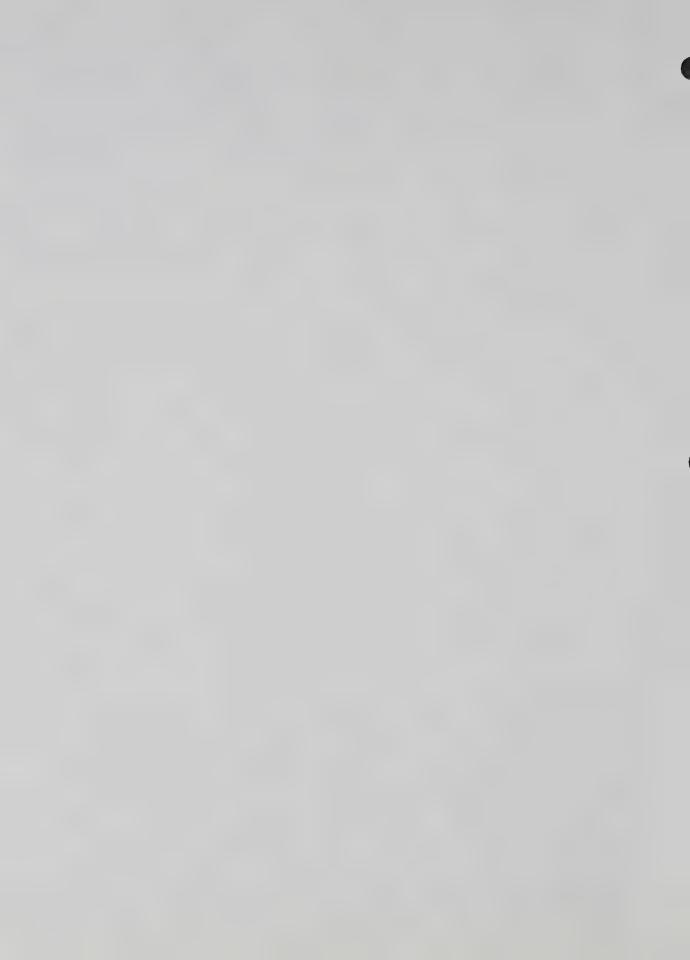
The area served by a single central office.

Central Office Unit

An assembly of equipment arranged for interconnecting customers' lines and trunks for providing telephone communication between customers in a given group, and for furnishing access for these customers to other such units and to the long distance facilities of the Company.

Centrex

Service providing direct inward and outward dialing for PABX extensions. The PABX is assigned a district central office code, and made a part of the numbering plan. A main listed number will give access to the PABX operator.



Circuit

The name applied to a wire or pair of wires over which telephone service is furnished. The former is termed a "grounded" circuit and the latter, a "metallic" circuit.

Circuit Measurement

The measurement upon which is based a charge for the use of part or all of a circuit furnished by the Company.

Coin Telephone - (See Public Telephone and Semi-Public Telephone.)

Common Battery Service

The type of telephone service in connection with which energy for talking and signalling is supplied from a central point. Common battery service is usually recognized as that type of service by which a central office operator is signalled by moving the receiver switch on the customer's instrument, although common battery energy also is used in connection with automatic switching equipment.

Connecting Company

A corporation, association, firm or individual owning and operating a toll line or one or more central offices with which traffic is interchanged.

Consecutive Numbers

The telephone numbers assigned to the individual circuits of a circuit group, so arranged that although only the first or listed number is called, the call may be completed over the first nonbusy circuit in the group.



Construction Charge

A charge billed to a customer based upon the cost of labor and material where unusual costs are involved in the establishment of the service.

Directory Listing

A customer's name, address and telephone number published in the Company's telephone directory.

Emergency Calls

Calls put through in any exchange in case of fire or accident or other emergency when assistance is quickly and urgently required.

Emergency Service

Service supplied out of regular hours at exchanges where continuous service is not provided.

Exchange

A basic unit for the administration of telephone service. An exchange services a community that normally has a city, town or village as its center and often includes outlying rural districts. Service is provided from one or more central offices.

Exchange Area

One or more central office areas within which exchange rates apply.

Exchange Service

The telephone service provided within an exchange area, including connection to the nearest toll switchboard.



Exchange Station

A telephone station furnished under a contract for exchange service.

Exchange Trunk

A circuit connecting a private branch exchange switchboard with a central office.

Extended Area Service

Interexchange telephone service furnished between two or more exchange areas at flat or measured exchange service rates. The service may be introduced by the Company on a nonoptional basis subject to its acceptance by a majority of the customers involved under the extended area service plan.

Extended Service Area

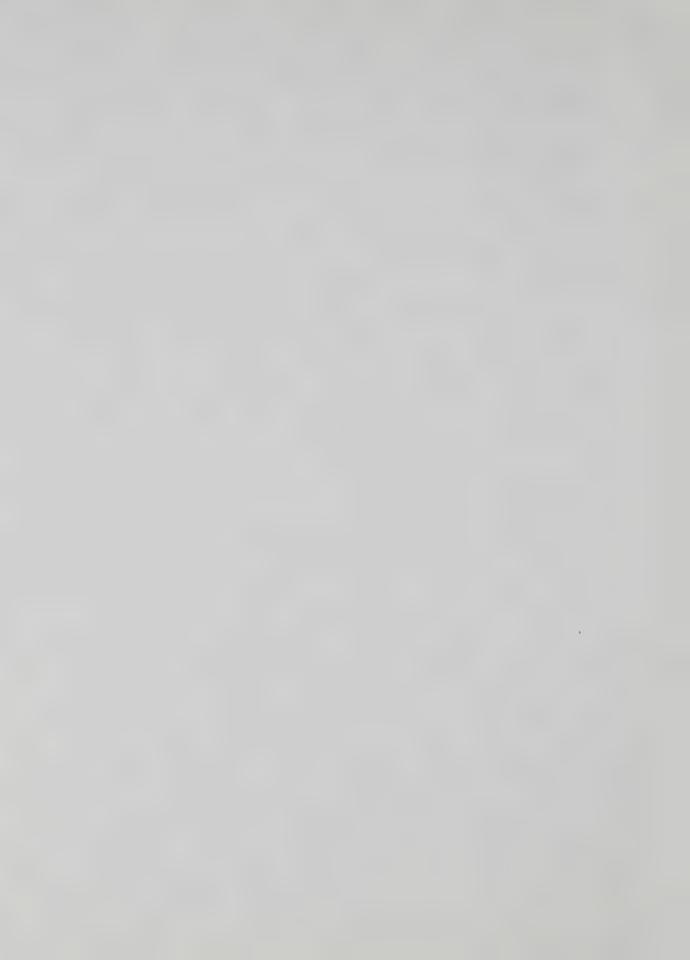
The area comprising one or more exchange areas, defined under an extended area service.

Extension Bell

An auxiliary bell separate from the station bells, but connected to the same circuit and operated in conjunction therewith.

Extension Circuit

A circuit connecting an extension station with a main station, or a private branch exchange station with a private branch exchange switchboard.



Extension Line Mileage

The air line measurement of an extension circuit for which a charge is made.

Extension Station

An additional station connected to the same circuit as the main station and subsidiary thereto.

Flat Rate Service

A class of exchange service furnished to a customer for which a charge is made irrespective of the extent of use, as distinguished from measured rate service.

Foreign Exchange Mileage

The air line measurement for the interexchange facilities required to provide foreign exchange service.

Foreign Exchange Service

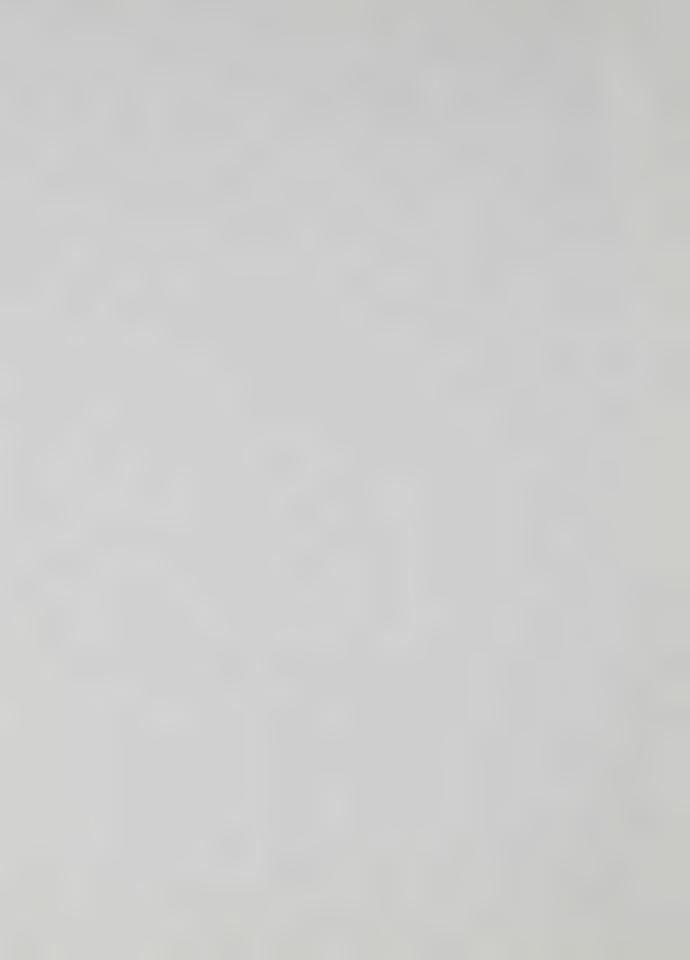
A flat rate message toll service. The subscriber is furnished with an individual line exchange telephone or PBX trunk from an exchange which does not normally serve the area in which the subscriber is located.

Free Calling Area

An exchange area or a group of exchange areas wherein calls between stations are not subject to message toll charges.

Individual Line Service

A class of exchange service which provides for only one main station per circuit.



Inside Station

A private branch exchange station or extension station located on the same premises as the private branch exchange switchboard or main station to which it is connected.

Installation Charge

A charge based on the cost of processing the order and the actual cost of labor and material involved in the installation of interior wiring and certain types of equipment.

Inwats

Service which allows a customer to place a direct dialed call (free of charges) to a company for the purpose of placing an order or to make a reservation.

Jack

A fixed socket designed to permit the establishment of a telephone connection by means of a plug-ended cord.

Key

A switch used for connecting or disconnecting a station, bell or circuit.

Line

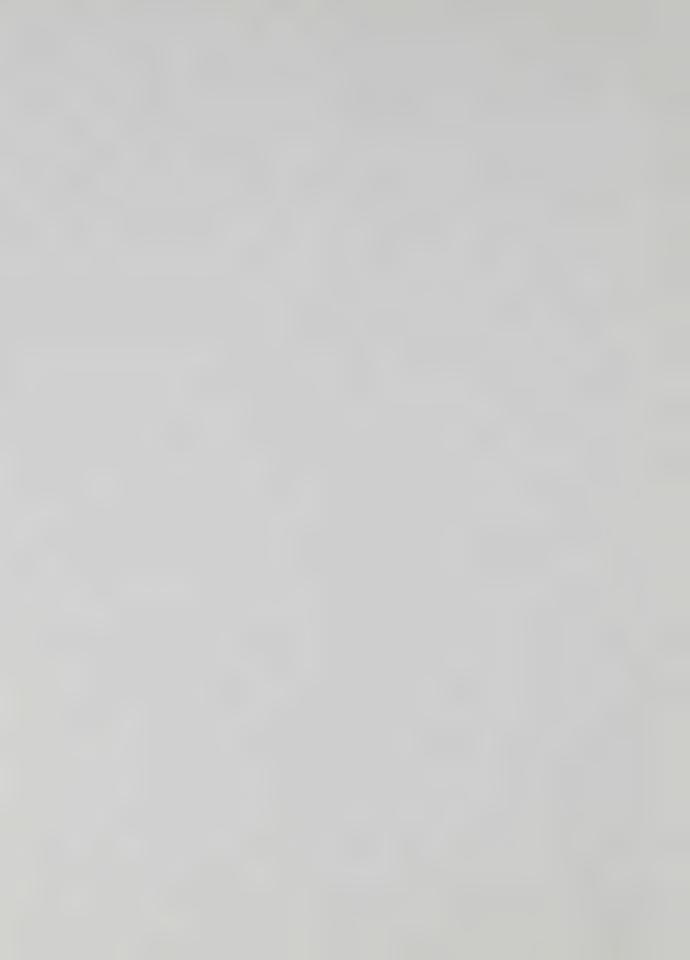
A name often used when referring to a wire or the pair of wires over which any type of telephone service is supplied.

Local

A term sometimes used to denote a private branch exchange station.

Locality Rate Area

A community located within an exchange area, but not included in the



Locality Rate Area (Cont'd)

base rate area, where, because of its concentrated telephone development and the demand for urban grades of service, a commuted mileage charge applies in lieu of the regular exchange line mileage charge on individual and two-party line services.

Loop

The closed path in an electrical circuit. A subscriber's loop. The pair of wires from a central office out to the subscriber's telephone.

Magneto Service

The type of service which requires the use of a hand generator at the customer's station in order to signal the operator, and a local battery to provide the talking current.

Main Station

A station directly connected with a central office by means of an individual or party line circuit. Also called Primary Service.

Measured Rate Service

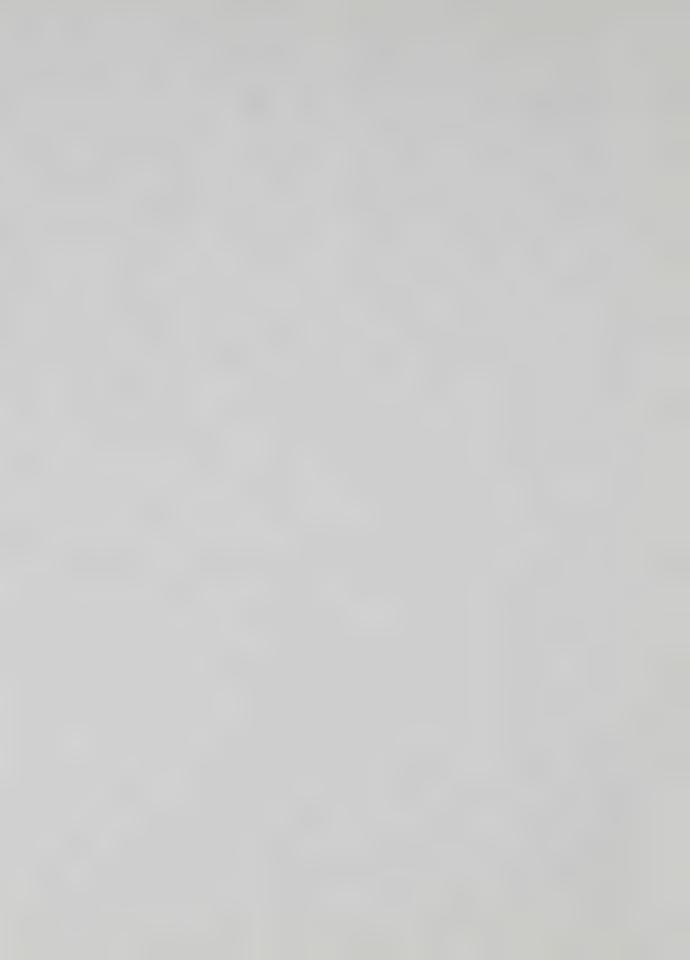
A class of exchange service which is charged for wholly or in part on the basis of extent of use, and for which a coin collecting device is not required.

Metropolitan Area

A large community or group of communities served by one or more exchanges and/or central offices.

Mileage

The measurement upon which is based a charge for the use of part or all of a circuit furnished by the Company.



Mileage Center

The point in each central office area from which multi-party exchange mileage is measured and which is used in the calculation of extension line mileage charges.

Miscellaneous Equipment

Auxiliary equipment furnished in addition and subsidiary to facilities provided in conjunction with primary exchange service.

Multicom

High speed data transmission service (2400 to 50,000 bits per second).

Multi-office Exchange

An exchange served by two or more central offices.

Off-premises Station

A private branch exchange station or extension station located on premises separate from the private branch exchange switchboard or main station to which it is connected.

Party-line Service

A class of exchange service which provides that more than one main station may be served by the same circuit.

Portable Telephone

A telephone equipped with a plug-ended cord, providing a detachable connection with a line terminating in a jack or jacks.

Private Branch Exchange System

An arrangement of equipment consisting of a group of telephone stations connected with a switchboard or other switching device providing for telephone communication between the stations. By means of trunks, commun-



Private Branch Exchange System (Cont'd)

ication is also provided with the central office.

The following classes are available:

Automatic System (PABX)

A private branch exchange system using a dial controlled switching unit to provide intercommunication and outgoing service, also equipped with an attendant's position for receiving and distributing incoming calls. The system is usually termed a private automatic branch exchange (PABX).

Cordless Switchboard System

A system employing a switchboard through which connections are made by means of keys.

Cord Multiple Switchboard System

A system employing a switchboard through which connections are made by plug-ended cords, but having more than one appearance of trunk and station jacks.

Cord Nonmultiple Switchboard System

A system employing a switchboard through which connections are made by plug-ended cords and having only one appearance of trunk and station jacks.

Circuits, equipment and facilities ordinarily furnished in connection with private branch exchange service include the following:

Attendant Switchboard Position

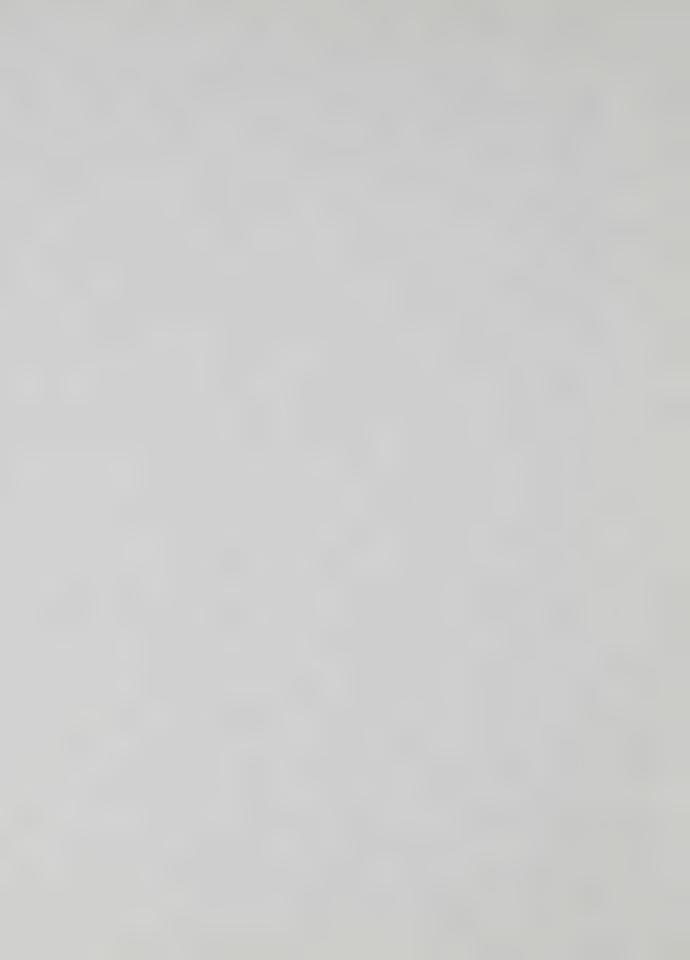
A switchboard position required for the handling of incoming calls for a private automatic branch exchange.

Attendant Trunk

A circuit connecting the mechanical switching equipment with the attendant position of a private automatic branch exchange.

Private Branch Exchange Station

A station connected to a private branch exchange.



Private Line

A voice grade circuit between two or more points.

Public Telephone

An exchange telephone with coin collecting device (coin telephone) installed on the Company's initiative, or at the Company's option, at a location chosen or accepted as suitable and necessary for furnishing service to the general public.

Rate Center

The point in each exchange from which distances are measured for the calculation of charges for interexchange services.

Residence Service

Exchange telephone service installed in a private residence or private living quarters, and used only for the social or domestic affairs of the household.

Restricted Service

A limited service furnished extension stations or private branch exchange stations providing intercommunicating service only.

Route Measurement

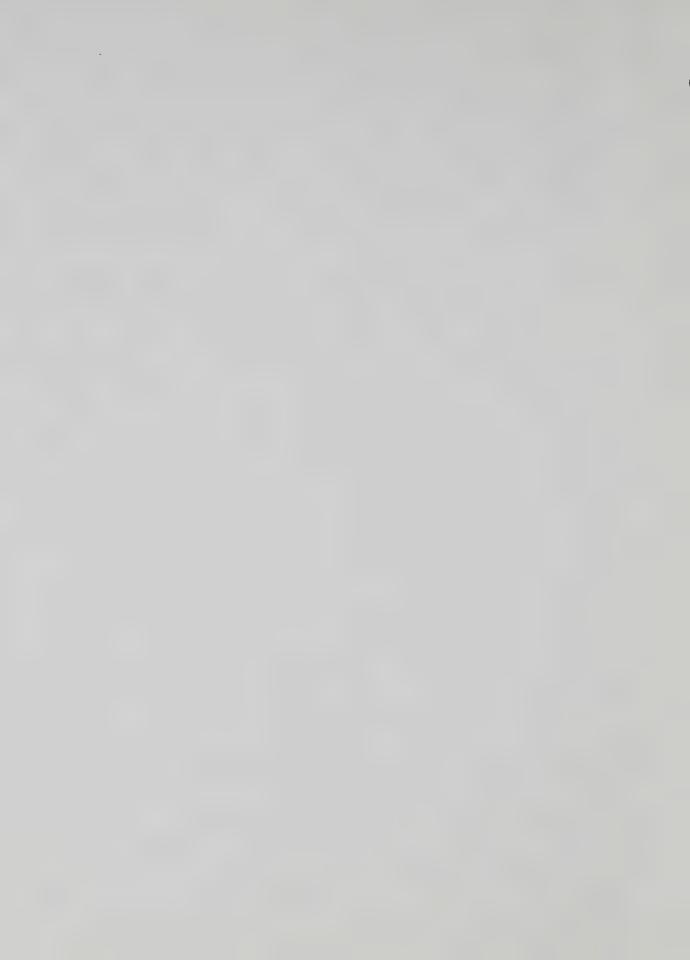
The actual length of a circuit between two points.

Semi-Public Telephone Station

A coin telephone installed with the approval of the Company in locations to which both the customer and general public have access, minimum daily receipts being guaranteed by the customer, who also is entitled to a directory listing.

Service Connection Charge

A charge made to cover the clerical work incidental to the establishment of the service.



Service Entrance

The cable or wire that enters the private property and building from the exchange cable feed to the main cross-connecting terminal within a building.

Speakerphone

A telephone equipped with a microphone and control keys, used in conjunction with a loudspeaker and a power unit to provide a loudspeaking feature.

Station Connection

The interior and exterior cable or wire, except the entrance circuits, located on private property.

Station Jacks

The jacks on a private branch exchange switchboard for the connection of station circuits.

Subscriber

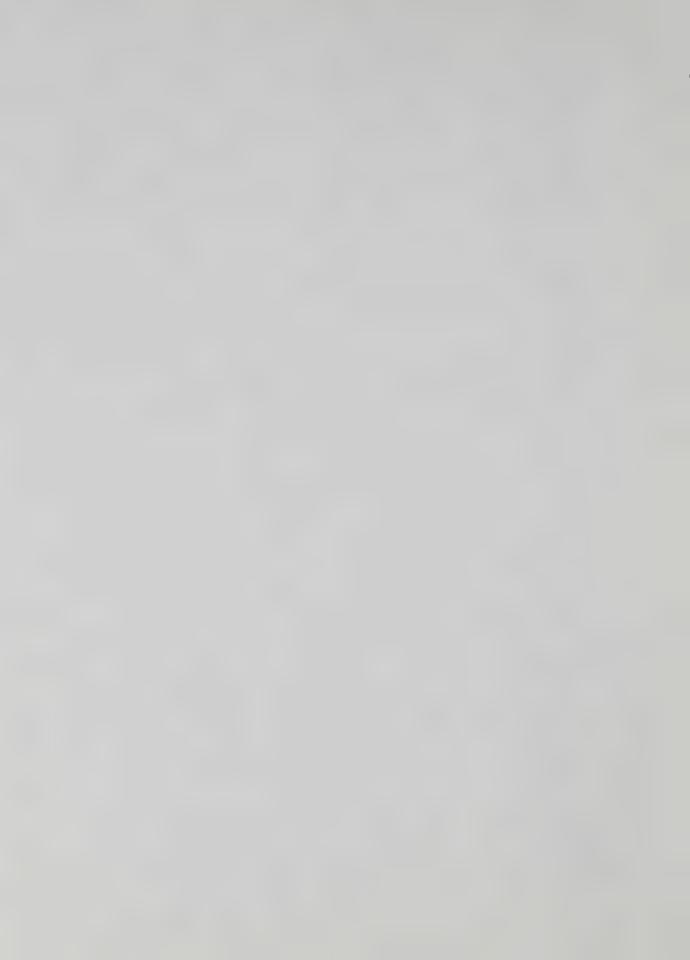
An individual or entity contracting for any form of service furnished by the Company, generally referred to as our customers.

Telephone Number

The seven-digit number assigned to a telephone station or private branch exchange system for convenience in operating. The first two digits identify the central office or exchange, the third digit the central office unit within the exchange, the remaining four digits identify the particular customer's circuit or line within the central office unit of the exchange.

Telephone Station

A telephone, consisting of a transmitter, receiver and associated apparatus which permits telephone conversations with other stations.



Telpak

A 'bulk rate' arrangement for customers who require a large number of circuits for full-time use over a given intercity route.

Temporary Disconnection

A temporary or partial discontinuance of service without termination of contract.

Tie Trunk

A circuit providing intercommunication between private branch exchanges of the same or separate subscribers, and over which central office service may be extended.

Toll Station

A method of providing telephone service to persons in rural areas outside of any exchange.

Toll Terminal

A direct circuit from a customer's premises to the Company's long distance switchboard used solely for long distance connections.

Touch Calling

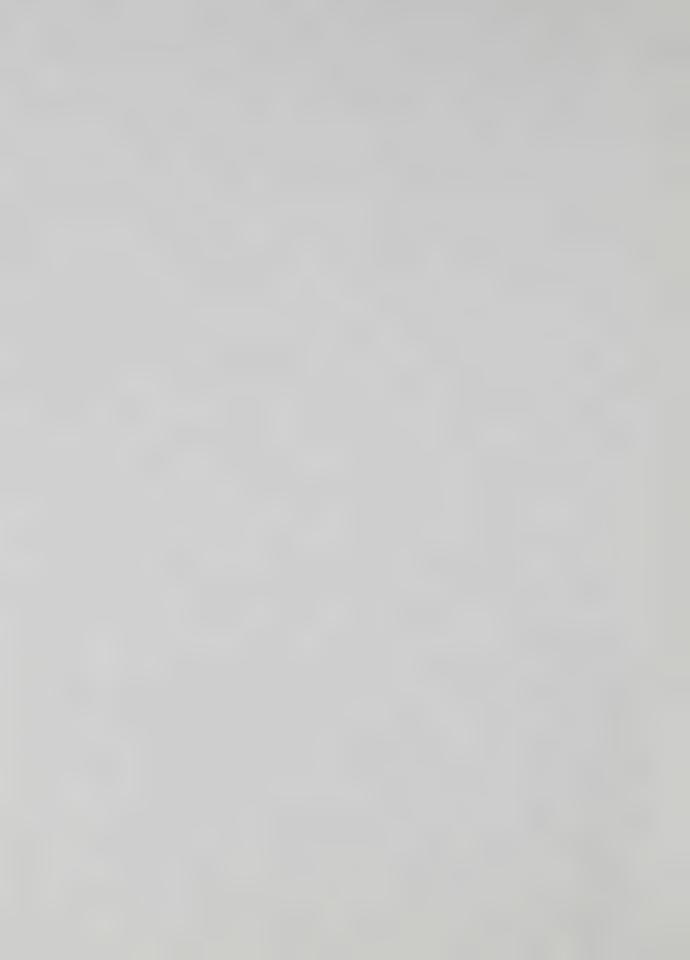
Instead of the conventional rotary dial, the Touch Calling telephone has 12 push buttons that may be pressed in quick succession. Ten of the buttons are for the 10 digits and there are two extra buttons for future special requirements, such as data transmission or computer access.

Transfer of Calls

An arrangement by which calls for one telephone number may be transferred to another specified telephone number for a stated period.

Trunk

A circuit connecting a private branch exchange switchboard with a central office.

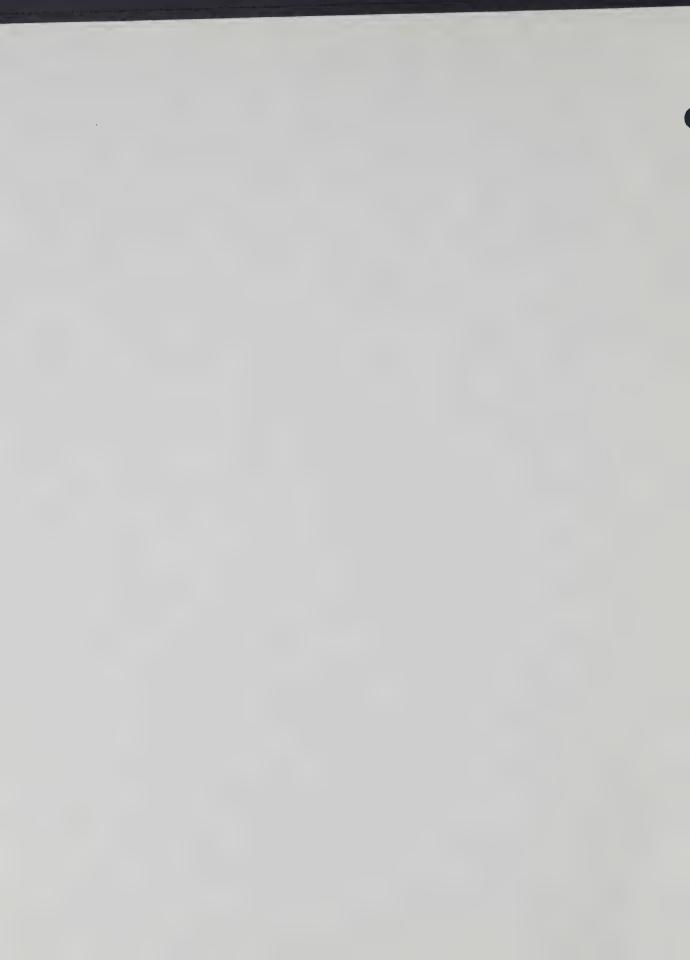


Trunk Jacks

The jacks on a private branch exchange switchboard for the connection of exchange trunks.

Wiring Plan

An arrangement of telephone equipment and wiring with which keys are provided, designed to meet the special needs of a subscriber.



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CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

TELEPHONE LINES

Business Individual Lines
Business Measured Lines
Outgoing Trunk Service
Incoming Trunk Service
Two-Way Trunk Service
Individual Residence Lines
Two-Party Residence Lines
Multi-Party Residence Lines
Multi-Party Business Lines
Centrex Business Lines (custom)

STANDARD CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

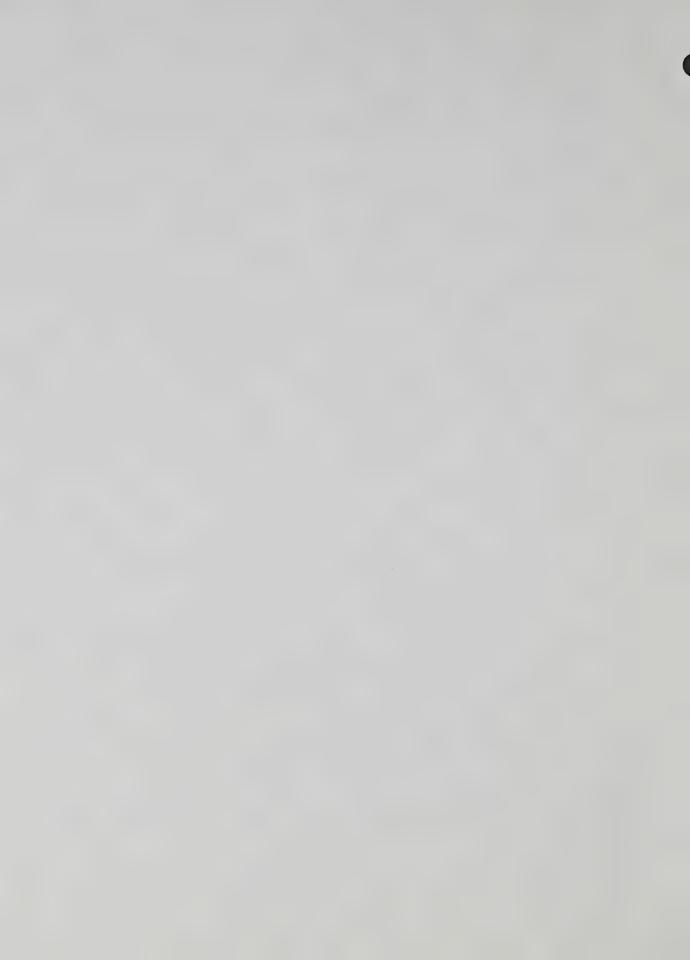
Desk Phones Wall Phones Hang Up Telephones (recovery only) Starlite Telephones Panel Phones Styleline Phones Extension Telephones Portable Telephones Loudspeaking Telephones (2 types) Colored Telephones in various colors Decorator Telephones (3 types, various colors) Privacy Arrangement (2 types) Switching and Control Keys (9 varieties) Multiline Cabinets (8 varieties) Busy Out Service Long Cords (3 sizes) Retractile Cords (2 sizes) Auxiliary Audible Signals Buzzers Gongs

STANDARD CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE (cont'd)

Chimes Bells Howlers Auxiliary Visual Signals Neon Lights Lamp Signals (6 sizes) Hard-of-Hearing Handset Automatic Dialing Units (1 type) Secretarial Answering Units (3 sizes) Confidencer Multiline Telephones Type 85 (recovery only) Type 86 Type 87 Type 186 **Type 187** Multiline Adapters (9 sizes) Call Directors (2 sizes) Consecutive Number Service Overline Billing Touch Calling Transfer of Calls Vacation Service Directory Assistance Service Repair Service

COIN TELEPHONES

Outdoor Public Service Indoor Public Service Semi-Public Service Ship-to-Shore Public Service



LONG DISTANCE

Credit Cards
Call Collect
Zenith Service
Conference Calling
Full Time WATS - to dialable points
Measured WATS - to dialable points
Special Billing
Station -to-Station Service (2 types)
Person-to-Person Service
Direct Distance Dialing (DDD)
Third Number Billing
Intratel

SWITCHBOARDS

Manual Switchboards Type 551 - 4 sizes available Type 555 - 3 sizes available Cordless - 3 sizes available Automatic Switchboards Type 19 - B - 5 (sold on recovery basis only) Type 40 (recovery basis only, no new purchases) Type 80 Type 90 - B - 20 Type 75 (custom built to meet requirements) Type 300 Series (Several Sizes) AKD 741 GTX 400 Locals on Switchboards Standard Locals Restricted Locals (2 types) Off Premises Locals Extension Locals Auxiliary Services Available on most Automatic Switchboards: Headsets (various models) Code Call (3 sizes)

Busy Lamp Cabinets

SWITCHBOARDS (cont'd)

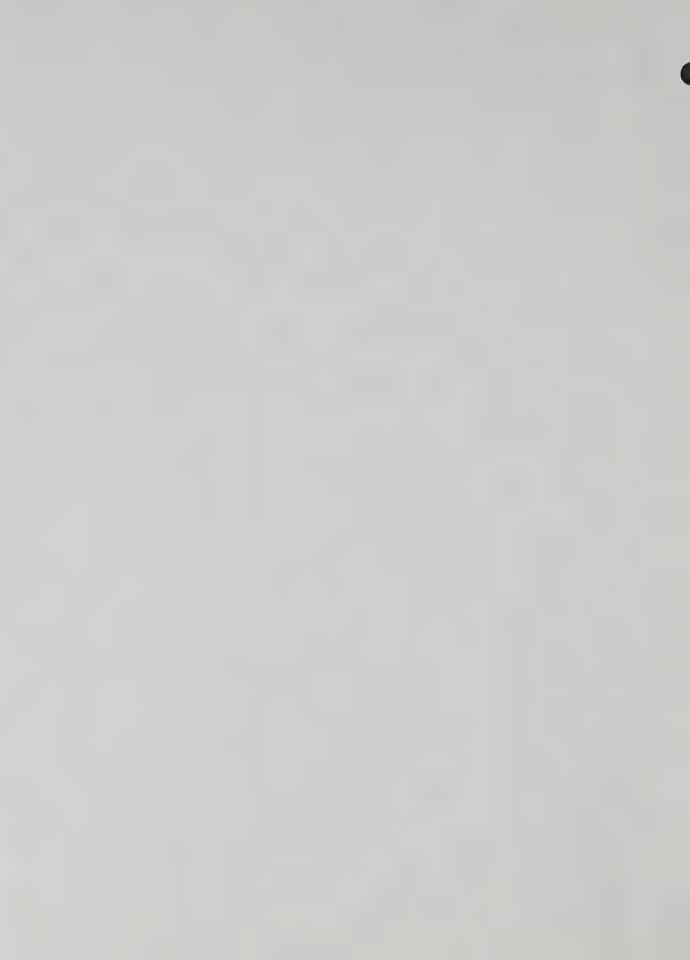
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Station Overlining
Divided Trunking
Automatic Answering Circuits
Background Music on Incoming
Held Calls
Executive Quick Call
Dictation Recording Links
Conference Service Manual
Conference Service Automatic

HOTEL/MOTEL SERVICES

Switchboards Manual Type 555 Type 551 Switchboards Automatic Type 40M Type 80M Type 320 (custom built to meet requirements) Type AKD 741 Motel/Hotel Type GTX 400 Series 10 Auxiliary Services Available on most Automatic Boards: Message Waiting Message Waiting Telephones Maid Minder Toll Trunks Wake-up Service Random Restriction Message Register Toll Restriction

DIRECTORY SERVICE

Residential Extra Listings Business Extra Listings Yellow Page Listings (business)



DIRECTORY SERVICE (cont'd)

Yellow Page Display Ads Nonpublished Listings Nonposted Listings Joint User Service

CUSTOM CALLING FEATURES

(in electronic exchanges only)

Three-Way Calling Call Waiting Speed Calling (3 sizes)

INTERCOM

Buzzer Systems
Dial Selective Intercom (3 sizes)
Magnaphone
Ring Master
Automatic Point to Point
Enterphone
Private Automatic Intercom Systems
(2 sizes)

PAGING SERVICES

Enclosed Speakers (10 types)
Horn Speakers (6 types)
Amplifiers (2 sizes)
Microphones (2 models)
Answer Back Feature
Area Selection (4 types)
P.A. Cut-in - Automatic
P.A. Cut-in - Manual

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Inter-City Exchange Service Tie Trunk Service Foreign Central Office Service

PRIVATE LINE SERVICE

Full Period Inter-City Service Full Period Intra-Exchange Service Tie Line Service Automatic Signalling

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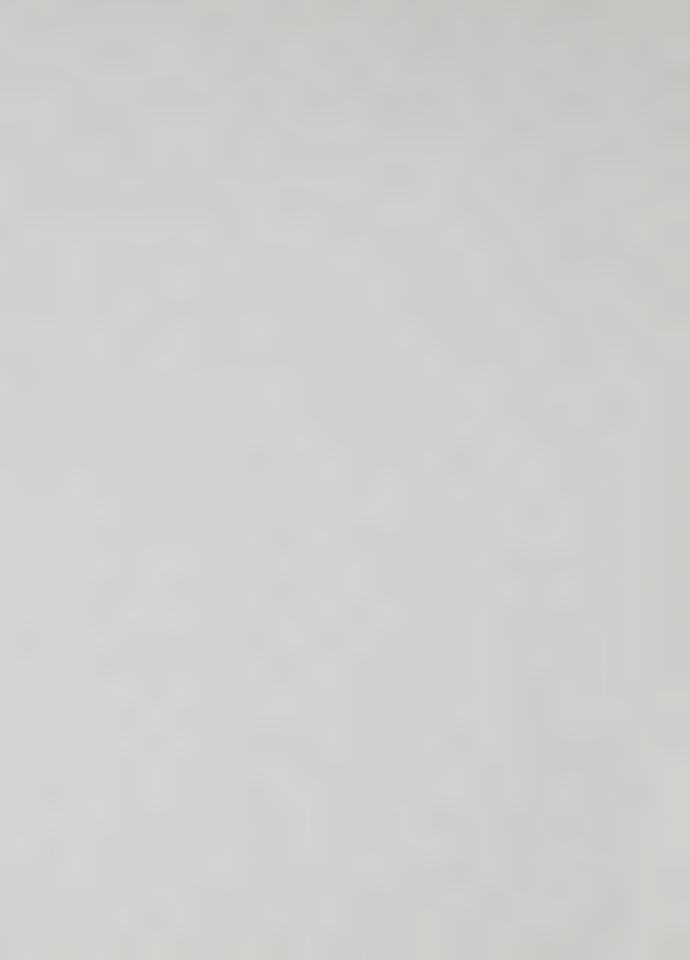
Manual Units (4 types)
Automatic Units (4 types)
Switching Equipment (4 models)
High-Speed Service
Tape Send and Receive Units

TWX

Manual TWX Service Automatic TWX Service TWX Conference Service Collect Call Service

COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS (DATA)

Dataspeed Transmitter (2 models)
Dataspeed Receiver (2 models)
Data Subsets (11 models)
Dataline I, II and III Services
Datacom
M.S.D.S. (Message Switching
Data Service)
Datapak
Multicom
Voicecom
VUcom I
Faxcom
Dataroute



LEASED CIRCUIT FACILITIES for:

Off Premises Extensions

Off Premises Locals

Facsimile

Transceiver

Telegraph

Telephoto

Wirephoto

Wired Music

Signal Circuits

Closed Circuit TV

Program Transmission

Radio and TV Broadcast

Private Lines

Foreign Exchange and Tie Trunks

Telemetering Circuits

Dataphone

Personal Broadcast Networks

Electrowriter

Telpak (3 sizes)

Control Circuits

Teletype

Data (4 types)

RADIOTELEPHONE

Mobile Service

Radio Toll Station Service

Private Radio Systems (custom built to meet requirements)

Direct Dispatch Service

Ship-to-Shore Service

Radio Paging Services

Radio Whistles

Portable Radio Service

Auxiliary Equipment for most Radiotelephones

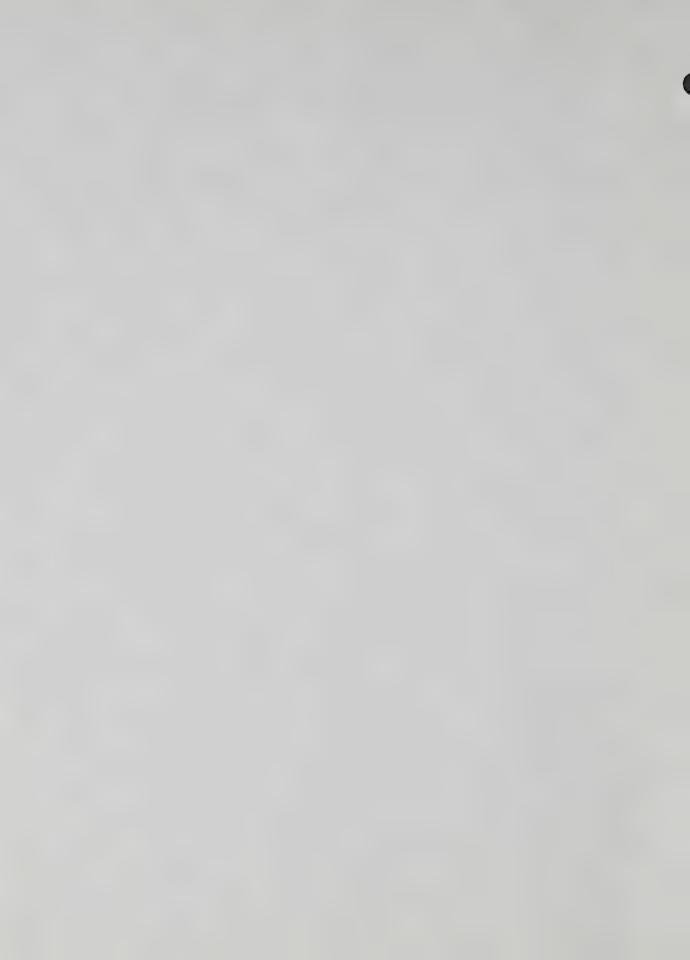
Selective Signalling

Remote Control Units

Repeater

Antennas

City-Wide Pocket Paging Service



TELEVISION

National Broadcast Service Local Broadcast Service Switching and Selection Service

SPECIALIZED CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

Telephone Service for Trains

Telephone Service for Ships

Transmitter Cut-Out Service

Weatherproof Housings

Portable Amplifying Service

Voice Recorder Connector Units

Electronic Sentries

Electrowriters

Artificial Larynx (2 options)

Monitoring Cabinets

Recorder Connectors

Recorder Couplers

Alarm Couplers

Restaurant Order Systems

Voice Recorder Starter

Headset/Dial Assembly

Watchman Services

Quotation Broadcast Service - Brokers

Annunciator Systems (2 sizes)

Concentrator Identifier Service

Call Answering Switchboards

Automatic Time Announcing

Incoming Metered Service

Emergency Alerting

Emergency Reporting

Volunteer Emergency Systems

Facilities and Equipment to provide:

Time of Day

Dial-a-Prayer, etc.

Market Reports (TV or voice)

Weather Bulletins

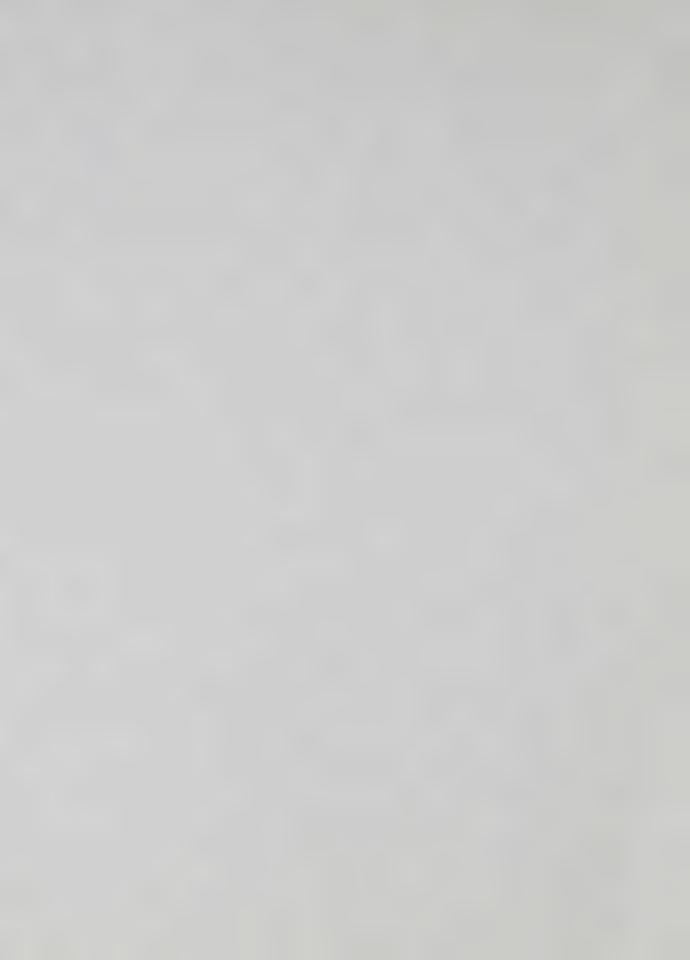
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Order Turret Service

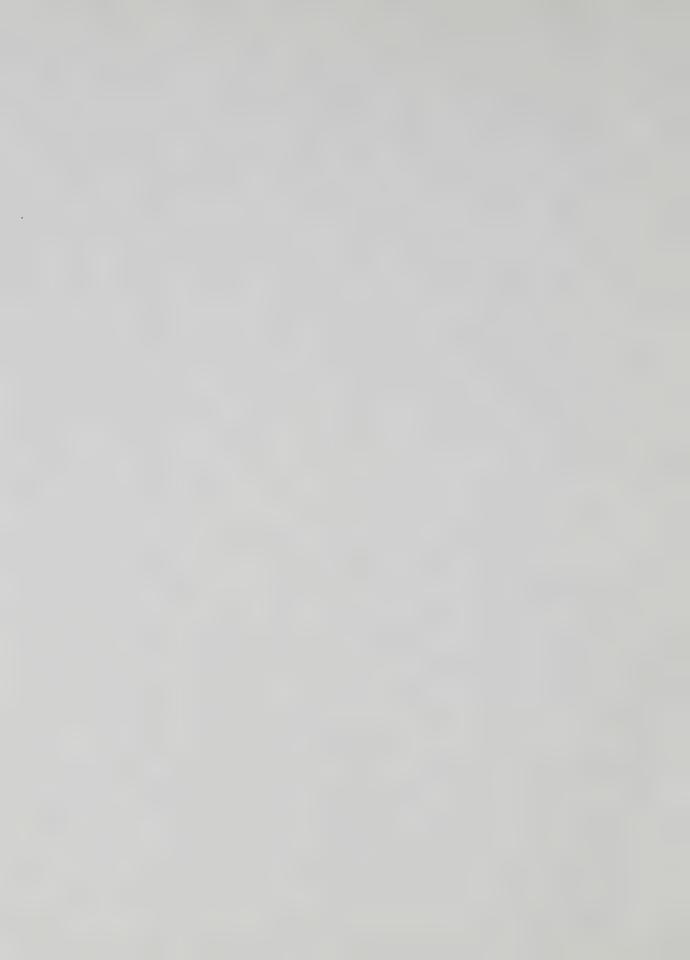
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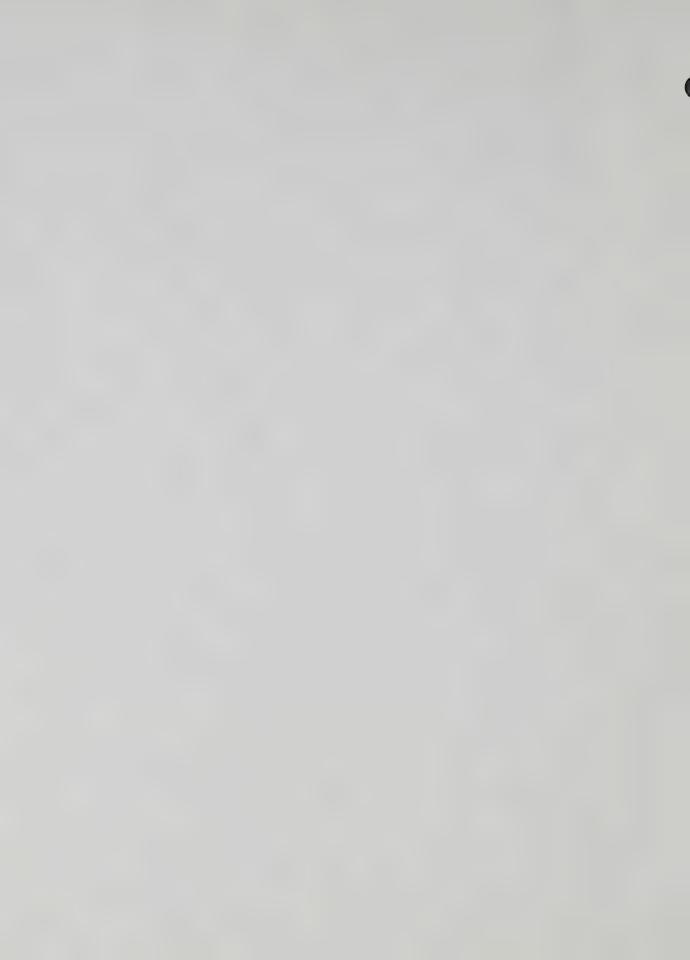
TELEPHONE NUMBER DIRECTORY

Executive	Business	Home
Vice-President & General Manager (Coastal Area) - G. F. Auchinleck General Counsel & Secretary - R.J. Bouwman Vice-President - Operations - T. F. Heenan Vice-President - Corp. Develop	662-8595 662-8013 662-8771	263-5000 263-3377 266-2755
G. F. MacFarlane Vice-President - Public Affairs - J.A. MacInnes	662-8611 662-8101 662-8020	922-7666 987-1400 244-9352
Vice-President - Comptroller - D.B. McNeil Director of Marketing & Sales - R.H. Stevens Vice-President - Personnel & Industrial	662-8181	261-0702
Relations - F.S. Tucker Treasurer - A.W. Vaughan	662-8711 662-8126	922-5357 261-6979
Executive Director - Operations Staff		
H.M. Van Allen	662-0137	685-4500
Public Affairs - Vancouver		
Public Information Manager - C.G. Patterson Community Relations Manager - W.B. Chapman Advertising Manager - B.W. Holliday	662-8698 662-8063 662-8064	939-1446 929-4000 261-1722
Public Affairs - Victoria		
O.G. Jones (Island Division)	386-8995	477-1292
Public Affairs - Prince George		
R.F. Drane (Northern Division)	563-1437	564-7335
Public Affairs - Kamloops		
P.D. Harvey (Interior Division)	374-4286	374-1989
Personnel		
Director of Industrial Relations - J.B. Lidster	662-8193	922-5500



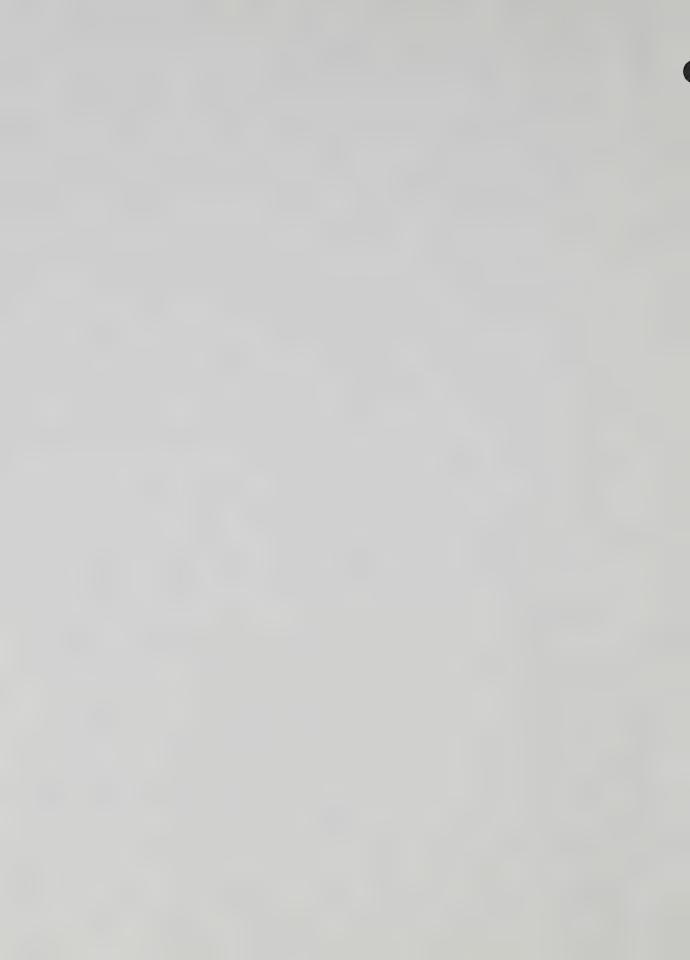
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Supply, Transportation & Buildings Director	Business	Home
E. P. LaBelle	526-8611	683-3636
East Division - Coastal Area		
Manager - C. R. Swabey	(662-8004 (433-1022	980-3555
District Managers - Vancouver East-Burnaby District - A. A. Higinbotham New Westminster District - T. R. Watson Lower Fraser Valley District - R. J. E. Smith Upper Fraser Valley District - F. V. Bogle	438-2131 522-1277 588-9811 (853-5551 (522-1276	266-2100 263-5874 435-7216 859-9215
West Division - Coastal Area		
Manager - G.C. MacDonald	662-8027	987-6690
District Managers - Vancouver West-Richmond District - G. M. Scott Vancouver South District - G. A. Mitchell Vancouver Central District - T. G. Williams North Shore District - G. L. Abbott	731-1213 662-0595 662-0505 980-2711	731-2731 324-2800 733-2200 266-2626
Island Division		
Manager - G. M. Smith (Victoria) Division Customer Service Manager - R. V. Ostler	386-8991 386-8717	598-2121 658-5788
District Customer Service Managers - Victoria District - B. J. Parker Nanaimo District - G. H. Ball Campbell River District - C. L. Bennie	386-8941 753-3120 287-3324	479-4237 758-2916 923-6464
Interior Division		
Manager - G. K. Stenner (Kamloops) Division Customer Service Manager - D. A. Smith	374-4212 374-4229	374-2505 372-2100
District Customer Service Managers - Kamloops District - R. J. Mark West Kootenay District - D. S. Knight (Nelson) East Kootenay District - J. J. McGimpsey (Cranbrook)	374-4233 352-9221 426-4848	374-1640 352-5100 426-7300



TELEPHONE NUMBER DIRECTORY Cont'd.

Northern Division	Business	Home
Manager - R.C. Simpson (Prince George) District Managers -	563-1434	5 62 -1000
Prince George District - P.W. Hedman Terrace District - S.G. Patterson Peace River District - W.A. Ronquist	563-1454 635-5011 782-3545	563-5800 635-3044 782-2121



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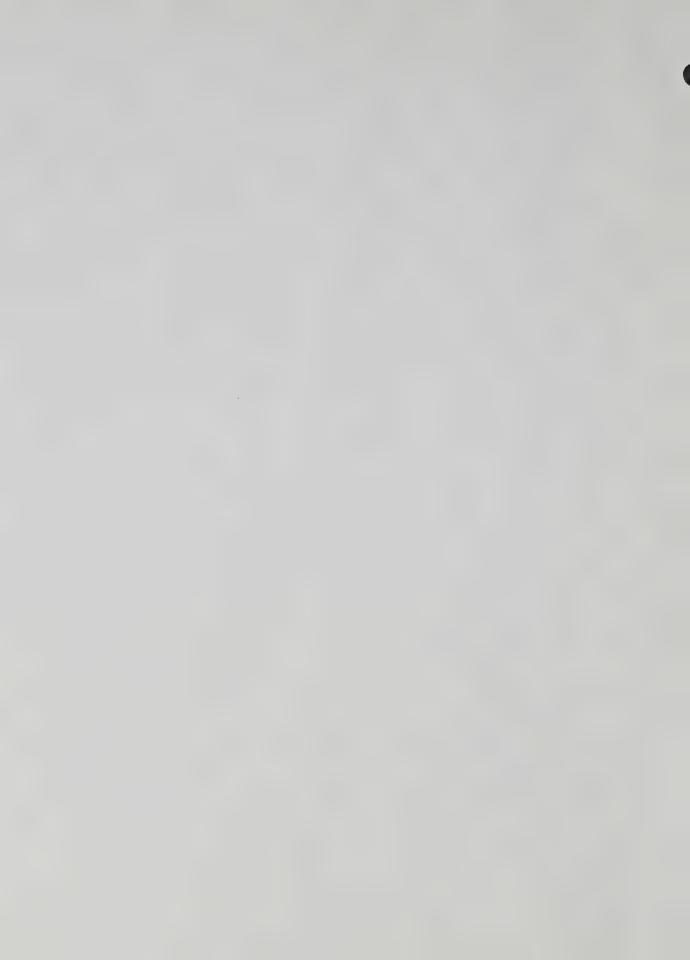
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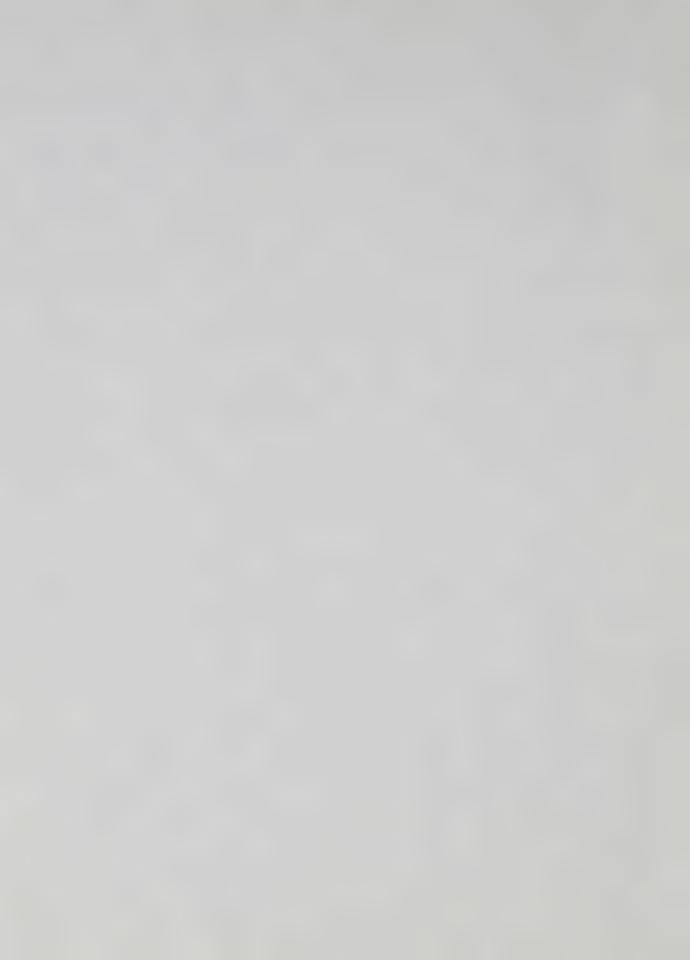
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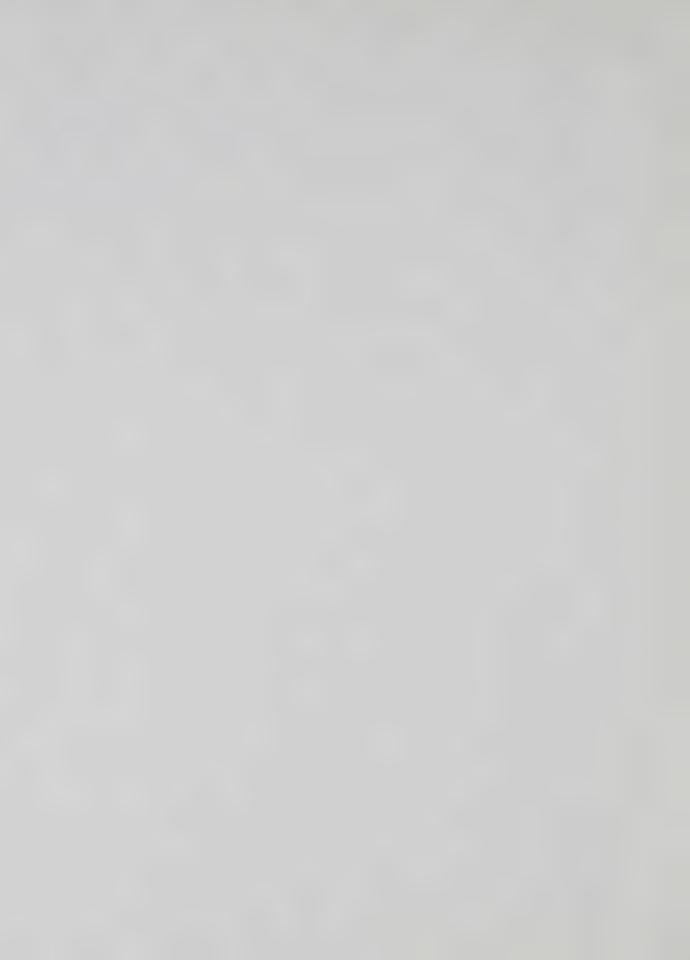


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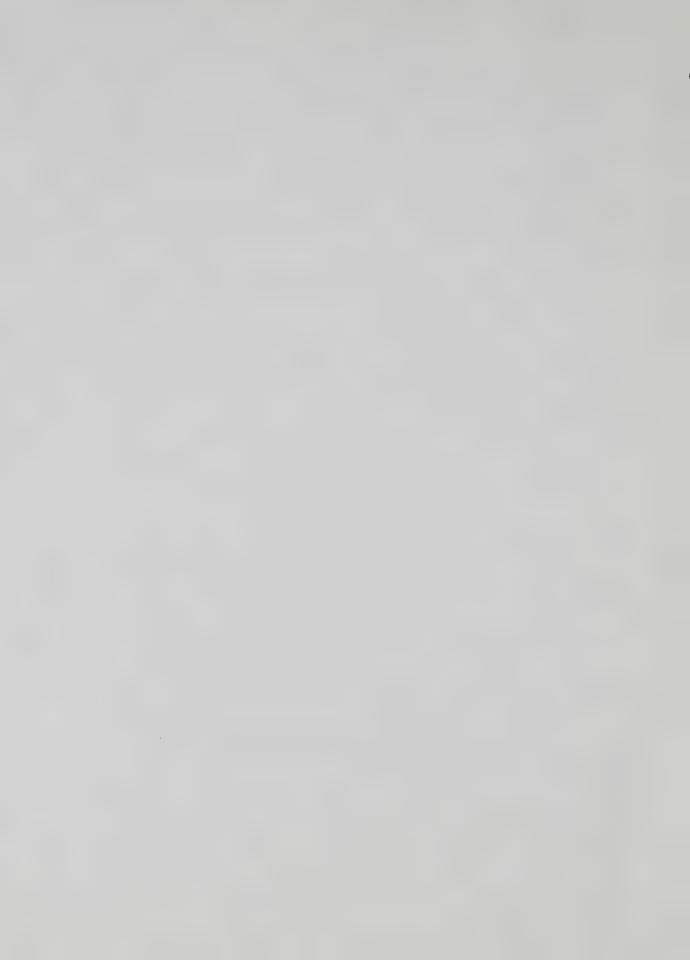
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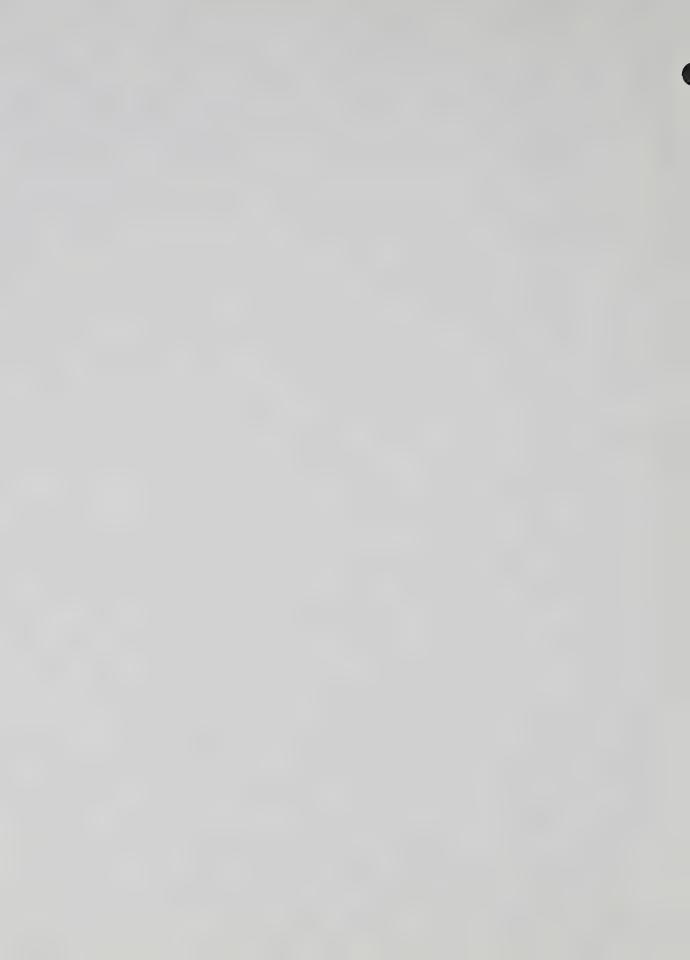
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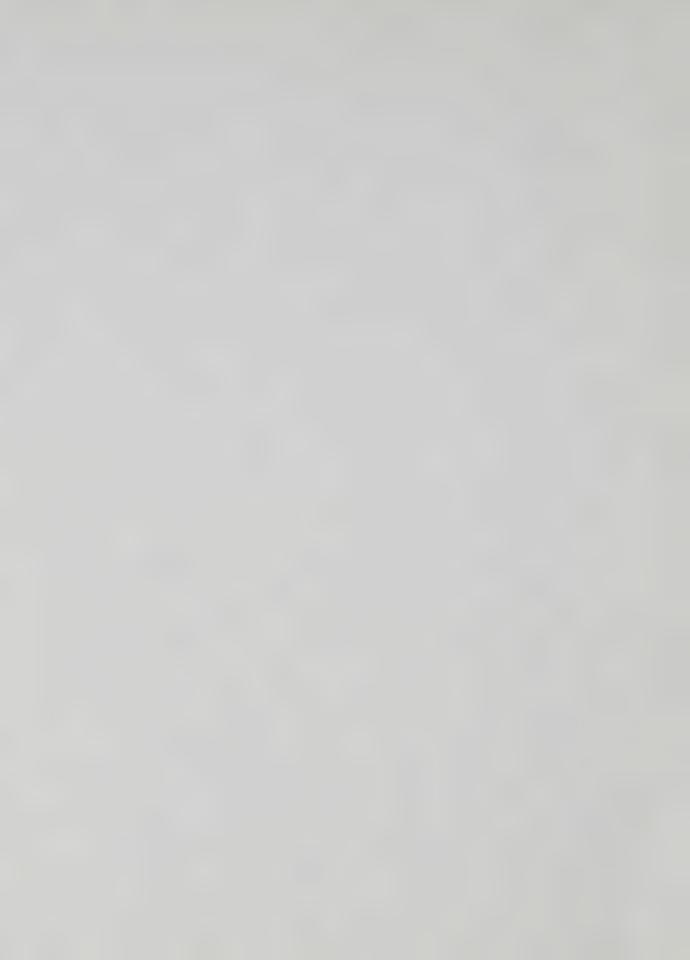
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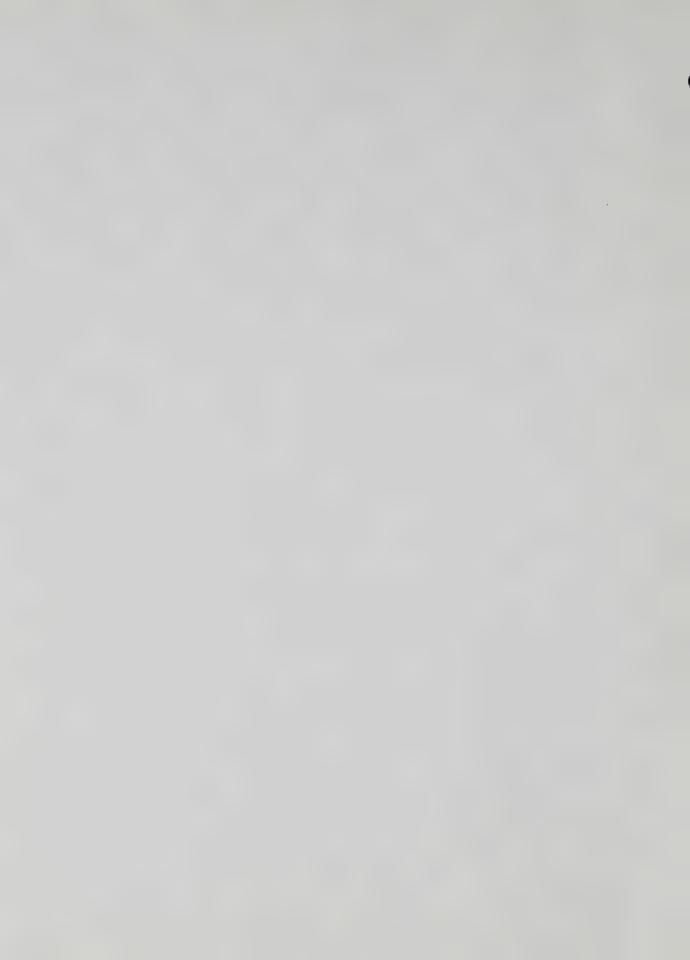
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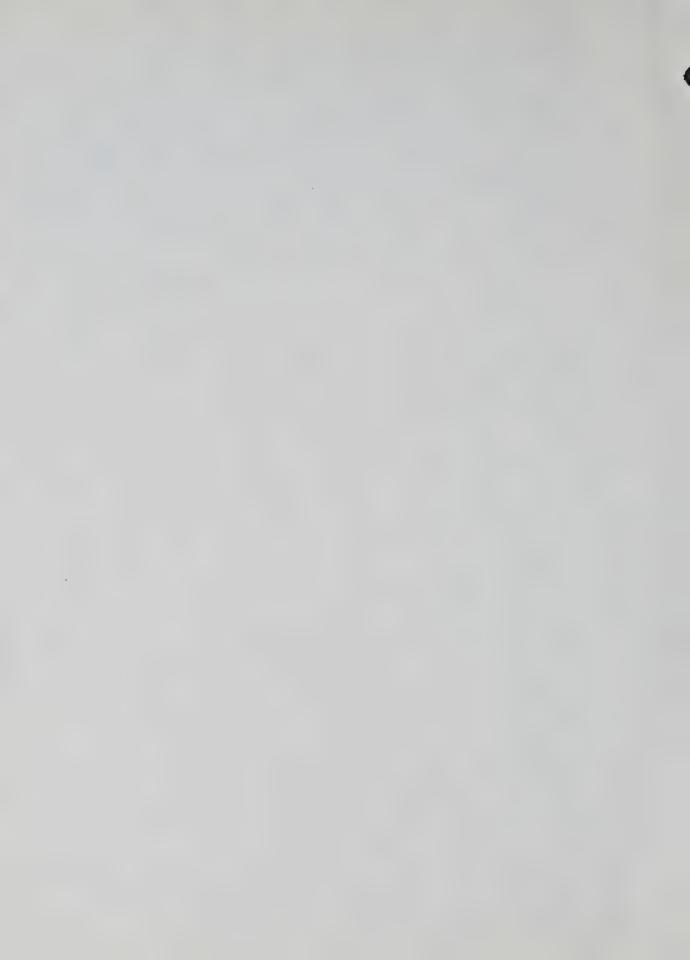


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BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Quarterly Report to Shareholders for the period ended June 30, 1973

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

EARNINGS: The return on the average capital invested in the consolidated operations of British Columbia Telephone Company for the six months ended June 30, 1973 was 3.59% and the return on average ordinary equity was 3.89%. These returns are at the annual rates of 7.18% and 7.78% and compare with annual rates of 7.48% and 9.44% for the same period in 1972.

Gross revenues for the quarter of \$62,875,000 were up 13.2% over 1972. However, expenses. including income taxes and depreciation, of \$51,403,000 were up 17.0% indicating a continuation of the trend, referred to in our report for the first quarter, whereby expenses are increasing at a rate exceeding the increase in revenues.

Income available for interest and other charges amounted to \$12,773,000 compared with \$12,019-000 for the same period in 1972. However, as a result of the larger amount of debt outstanding and higher interest rates on short-term debt, interest and other charges amounted to \$7,027,-000 compared with \$6,154,000 for the same period in 1972. After dividends on Preference and Preferred shares there remained available for ordinary shares \$4,302,000 or \$1.33 per average ordinary share compared with \$1.47 in the second quarter of 1972.

Ordinary share earnings for the quarter are below the comparable quarter in 1972. It is to be noted, however, that the comparison is more favourable than it was in the first quarter. The report for the first quarter indicated that changes in both Federal and Provincial income tax rates and the new Provincial tax on capital utilized would result in a reduction in earnings of 17 cents per share. For the second quarter the comparable figure is 19 cents per share bringing the total reduction for the first six months to 36 cents.

The examination of our capital and operating expenses for the years 1973 and 1974 has been intensified to see whether further savings can be

effected without impairing service.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT: Telephones in service increased 18,093 for the quarter and 40,506 for the half year, compared with 13,675 for the second quarter and 30,725 for the first half of 1972. Telephones in service at June 30, 1973 totalled 1,220,844.

The movement of subscribers from one location to another continues at a high rate and over 204,000 telephones were connected and nearly 164,000 disconnected to produce the half-year gain reported above.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS: On June 11, 1973 agreement was reached with the Federation of Telephone Workers of British Columbia on a two-year contract effective from the expiry of the previous contract, December 31, 1972. Agreement was reached following extensive negotiation and the services of both a conciliation officer and a Board of Conciliation.

Main points covered in the Agreement are wage increases of 8% effective January 1, 1973 and 9% effective January 1, 1974, both based on rates in effect December 31, 1972, with some adjustments. Also included is an increase of 10% in pension benefits on service subsequent to January 1, 1973 but retroactive to include those employees who were 50 years of age or over on that date so that they will have a minimum of 15 years at the increased rate if they retire at 65. This pension provision is subject to the employees in the bargaining unit setting up a contributory pension plan to which they will contribute 1% of wages in 1973 and 2% of wages in 1974. Many other items relating to working conditions were also included in the final Agreement.

Following the above settlement negotiations were commenced on a new working agreement between Okanagan Telephone Company, a subsidiary, and the Federation of Telephone Workers of British Columbia representing 550 employees. A mediation officer appointed by the provincial government reported his inability to reach a settlement to the Provincial Minister of Labor and on August 21, 1973, the employees, who had previously served strike notice, were called off their jobs. The strike is still in effect.

FINANCING: A preliminary prospectus covering an issue of First Mortgage Bonds has been filed in all applicable provinces. The amount of the issue, together with other terms and conditions, will be announced at the time the final prospectus is filed.

JE Richardson

President and Chief Executive Officer

Vancouver, B.C. August 22, 1973

BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

(Subject to audit and year-end adjustment)

**************************************				Month June 3			Six Months Ended June 30									
	1973	-		1972 ds of Do		1971*	_	1973	1972				1972 ousands of			1971*
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Operating expenses	\$ 62,8 46,0			55,527 39,115	\$	48,146 35,772	\$	90,169	_	77,760	_\$)	93,502 69,844				
Net operating earnings before																
income taxes	16,8	337		16.412		12,374		32,431		31,481		23,658				
Other income	1,3	301		429		330		1,861		764		650				
	18,	38		16,841		12,704		34,292		32,245		24,308				
Interest and other deductions	7,0	027		6,154	,	5,488		14,013		12,098		10,646				
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Net earnings before																
income taxes	11,	111		10.687		7,216		20,279		20,147		13,662				
Income taxes	-	365		4,822		3,351		9,829		9,084		6,316				
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Net earnings Dividends on preference and	5,	746	Ž	5.865	\mathcal{L}	3,865	(10,450)(11,063	2	7,346				
preferred shares	1,4	144		1,096		1,093		2,899		2,199		2,196				
Net earnings available for						,	_									
ordinary shares	\$ 4,3	302	\$	4,769	\$	2,772	\$	7,551	\$	8,864	\$	5,150				
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Earnings per average ordinary share																
outstanding during period	\$ 1	.33	\$	1.47	\$.96	\$	2.33	(\$	2.74	\$	1.79				
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^{* 1971} earnings restated downwards to reflect prior period adjustment resulting from a change in accounting policy for accrued vacations.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNDS USED FOR CONSTRUCTION

	For the si ended J	
	1973	1972
	Thousands	of Dollars
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
From operations		
Ordinary share earnings	\$ 7,551	\$ 8,864
Add back expenses not requiring an outlay of funds		
Depreciation	23,780	20,763
Income taxes deferred	9,669	10,177
Other	466	405
	41,466	40,209
Less — Ordinary share dividends	5,179	5,179
	36,287	35,030
Financing Proceeds (Net)		
Preferred shares		19,491
Increase in short-term notes	18,170	(2,774)
	18,170	16,717
Other		
Decrease in working capital	17,969	4,510
Miscellaneous	(4,997)	(1,779)
	12,972	2,731
	\$ 67,429	\$ 54,478
CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES		
Gross plant additions	\$ 68,213	\$ 55,732
Less — Salvage value of plant retired	784	1,254
	\$ 67,429	\$ 54,478
Less — Salvage value of plant fettled		